

# ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION: A Report and History

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*Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ,  
the son of God.*

*I have been called of Him  
to declare His word among His people,  
that they might have everlasting life.*

*3 Nephi 5:13*







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## **PART ONE: INTRODUCTION**

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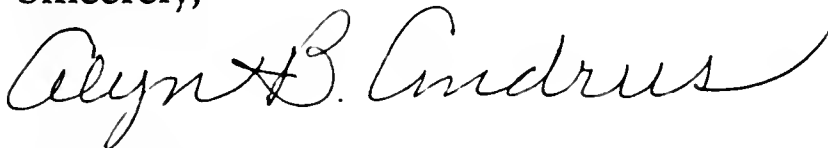


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But even with help from so many, without God's help, the endeavor would have failed. Elder Andrus did not start gathering information and writing narrative until January 1999. By this time, he was in the throes of selling twenty missionary vehicles. Then in February, he underwent back surgery. His requests for God's help were frequent and fervent. His testimony is: God does answer prayers. Nevertheless, he never prayed that God would help him produce a perfect, mistake-free, document. Therefore, mistakes, which may be many, should be attributed to him only.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alyn B. Andrus". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Elder Alyn B. Andrus

April 1, 1999

## DEDICATION

This report and history is dedicated to President Douglas R. McKinlay, Sister Betty Jo McKinlay, and all the wonderful, dedicated missionaries of the Arizona Tucson Mission. Truly, they are numbered among those about whom the Lord talked through His prophet Isaiah when He said:

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy god reigneth. (Isaiah 52:7)*



President Douglas R. McKinlay  
Sister Betty Jo McKinlay

## INTRODUCTION

Sometime during October 1998, Sister Betty Jo McKinlay requested that Elder Alyn B. Andrus develop a history of the Arizona Tucson Mission from July 1996 to July 1999. This would cover the time-period during which Douglas R. McKinlay and his wife had served as presiding authority over the Mission.

By October's end, Elder Andrus had only six months to serve in an eighteen month mission call. Six months was hardly sufficient time to develop a three year history of the Mission worthy of the title. Nevertheless, the assignment was given, accepted, and now, with just two months left, the endeavor is well underway. However, it will not be strictly a history. Rather, it will be a report laced with history where appropriate. And to help develop this report/history, Elder Andrus requested contributions from staff members, missionaries, zone leaders, assistants to the president, as well as from President and Sister McKinlay themselves. If everyone contributes as requested, the resulting document should be both informative, useful, and interesting to read. So the attempt is a cooperative effort, theoretically involving everyone in the mission.

The report/history will include descriptions of assignments and procedures relating to missionary activities in the Arizona Tucson Mission. It will also include autobiographies of the mission presidency and staff members, present and past. An important and interesting part of the report/history will feature spiritual experiences written and submitted by missionaries who wish to share these with others. And finally, there will be a complete listing of missionary names and related addresses of all who have served in the Arizona Tucson Mission during the time period indicated.

A limited number of copies of the completed document will be produced, sufficient for the mission presidency, staff members, the Mission, and Church each to have one. Production costs, of course, limit the number of copies to be made available.

Elder Andrus has done this assignment with a prayer in his mind, both for direction from heaven and energy to complete the project before time runs out. He is pleased that President and Sister McKinlay believe in his ability sufficiently to have given him this assignment. His driving desire is to demonstrate responsibility in the assignment and satisfy their trust in him.

A.B.A.  
March 2, 1999





## PART TWO: THE ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION

### 1. Boundaries and Geography

### 2. Organization

Zones

Districts

Branches

### 3. From Inception of the Mission to the McKinlays



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## The Mission: Boundaries and Geography

The Arizona Tucson Mission spreads across most of southern Arizona, all of southern New Mexico and projects into Texas at Muleshoe, along Texas' western boundary, and at El Paso, along the Rio Grande. The Indian community of Sells, Arizona is found in the western part of the Mission. Clovis, New Mexico is in the northeastern part, Hobbs, New Mexico is in the southeastern part and Fabens, Texas, along the Rio Grande southeast of El Paso, is the southern most community. From Mexico's border, the Mission extends north in the west to San Manuel, Arizona and to Clovis, New Mexico in the east. Tucson, where mission headquarters are situated is 60 miles east of Sells and 80 miles north of Nogales, a border town.

From west to east, the Mission covers about 600 miles. From north to south at its greatest extent in the east, between Clovis, New Mexico and Fabens, Texas, the distance is about 300 miles. In the west the distance between Nogales and San Manuel, Arizona is about 150 miles. To travel from Tucson to El Paso at 70 miles per hour without stopping would require 4.5 hours. To travel from Tucson to Clovis at 70 miles per hour without stopping would require 8 hours or more. Distances between towns are considerable, and before long one accommodate oneself to them by saying, "I've got to run over to Roswell (80 miles distant), I'll be back shortly." Geographically, the Arizona Tucson Mission is the largest mission in Arizona and New Mexico. (For a map of the Arizona Tucson Mission, see the Appendix.)

Because of the distances involved, missionary work within the Arizona Tucson Mission would be inhibited without vehicles. Missionaries are expected to plan their driving carefully so they do not use up allotted miles unnecessarily in Arizona's and New Mexico's vast distances between settlements, and between settlements and outlying ranches. They are encouraged to solicit "member-rides" where possible, but this can impose considerable sacrifice upon members at times. For example, when members transport missionaries from Roswell to Las Cruces during transfer time, they are expected to drive, round trip, 400 miles. If they take the missionaries to Las Cruces (a transfer point) then return to Roswell till they return to Las Cruces a day later to pick up a trainer and his new companion, and transport them to Roswell, that means two trips for a total of 800 miles. Missionaries in New Mexico, understandably, frequently complain they can't get member rides. The zone leader of the Roswell Zone (including all of eastern New Mexico) is allotted the most miles for any missionary car in the Mission with the exception of the car assigned to President McKinlay's Assistants. That mileage is 2450 per month. The allotment is always used, sometimes exceeded, and frequently considered insufficient by the zone leader and his companion.

Major cities in the Arizona Tucson Mission are El Paso, Texas; Tucson, Arizona; Las Cruces, New Mexico; Roswell, New Mexico; and Alamogordo, New Mexico. Human population living within the Arizona Tucson Mission totals slightly over two million. When President McKinlay visits missionaries in their areas of labor, he drives his mission car. Flying would not be practical because there are so many small communities where missionaries labor and where there are no airports. Thus, when President McKinlay conducts zone conferences each month, he is gone from the mission home and the mission office for two weeks, covering the zones outside Tucson. He relies heavily on his staff and Assistants to carry on the Mission's work in his extended absences.

The geography and climate in the Arizona Tucson Mission are interesting and varied. From west of Sells to Tucson, the desert is distinguished by the Saguaro Cactus, a tall straight, thorny plant with arms growing out of a main trunk. The Saguaro can live up to 200 years, growing at the rate of one foot per every ten years. It provides food and building material for desert Indians and nests for birds. Its habitat is a geographic band about 150 miles wide, coming out of Mexico and extending north beyond Phoenix for about 100 miles.

Just a few miles east of Tucson, one leaves the Saguaro Cactus behind, but continues to see Prickly Pear, Cholla and Barrel Cactus mixed with desert brush. Then as one leaves Arizona and enters New Mexico, the desert is marked by Yucca and Century Plants. The Yucca may have more than one upright branch terminating in a palm-like leaf. The plant may grow as high as 17 feet and provides material for Indian basket weavers. The Century Plant consists of one straight, thorny stem, growing as high as 14 feet. The plant requires many years to blossom, then remains in blossom for only a few weeks, after which it dies. The Indians have used it for soap, medicine and spears. The New Mexico desert, except for these plants, is relatively barren. In consequence, blinding dust storms may develop, especially during dry, hot summer months. These may force closure of highways, including Interstate 10. Thus, the van driver, during missionary transfers, must always be aware of the weather, altering schedules and driving plans to meet changing conditions. Elder Andrus, during a summer transfer in 1998, had to hurry transfer operations in Lordsburg, and denied the missionaries their traditional 30 minutes at McDonald's to beat a dust storm that was developing along the route to Tucson. Even then, going through the storm was a traumatic experience. Dust was so thick highway markings were indistinguishable. The van was slowed to a "crawl," (perhaps 10 m.p.h.). Fortunately, the blowing dust gave way to clear weather before the van was brought to a complete stop.

Characteristic of southern Arizona and New Mexico deserts are numerous mountain ranges, rising abruptly from the desert floor. These mountains alter weather patterns, and in some instances provide mining and lumbering industries with natural

resources. Climate in the mountains is quite different from climate on the desert floor. Some mountains receive snow regularly during winter months, and temperatures are sufficiently cold to require heavy coats to help one stay warm. Even on the desert floor, temperatures may vary remarkably from hot during daylight to cold during nighttime. Altitude also plays an important role in climate. Tucson is about 2,500 feet in elevation. But a few miles east of Tucson, the terrain rises and from there east into New Mexico, elevations are higher and the climate is relatively colder.

Southern Arizona and New Mexico deserts teem with animal, reptile and insect life. Snakes and lizards abound in Arizona. Of the snakes the Diamond back Rattlesnake is most feared. The venom of these reptiles can be deadly. The Gila Monster, not a large lizard, as the name implies, but poisonous, is well known as a desert reptile around Tucson. Tarantula spiders are big, hairy and ugly, but their bite is not deadly, as some may suppose. In the rocky, desert mountain ranges live mountain lions, and, in some instances, black or brown bears. All across southern Arizona and New Mexico, may be seen coyotes, jackrabbits, and a large rodent-like animal called Javelina. Javelinas are considered, erroneously, by some to be wild pigs. And finally, there are the fleet and beautiful antelope. High mountain deserts are truly graced by these superb creatures.

Indian tribes, who, for centuries, have inhabited southern Arizona and New Mexico are many, but can be divided into four basic tribes. These are the Apaches who ranged all over the area under description. The Cochise Apache today are in Arizona. The Mescalero Apache are in New Mexico. There are the Papago, who, today, are known as the Tohono O'Odham. The Papagos whose major settlement is Sells, have been desert farmers who subsisted primarily on beans. In fact, the word Papago means "bean eaters." There are the Pimas who inhabited the country along the Gila River in southern Arizona. They, too, were desert farmers, growing melons, squash, maize and cotton. Finally, there are the Pueblo Indians. These were found both in Arizona and New Mexico, and today their descendants still live in both states, but in the popular mind, settlements along the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico is where they live. Their dwellings, made of adobe, in some cases, are several stories high.

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#### The Mission: Zones, Districts, Branches

The Arizona Tucson Mission, as all other church missions, is divided into zones, districts and branches, the leaders of which, in most cases, are responsible to President McKinlay. Zone leaders are missionaries. Within each zone are districts with district leaders, who are usually missionaries, but in some cases a district leader may not

necessarily be a missionary. And within the districts, there may be branches whose leaders may or may not be missionaries. So, there will always be zones with zone leaders. And to facilitate missionary work, there will always be districts, within the zones, with district leaders. But since branches are not necessary to facilitate missionary work, in the same way as zones and districts are, there may be branches within a mission where a need exists for church members, but in such cases branch leaders may or may not be missionaries.

The Arizona Tucson Mission, is divided into twelve zones. These are El Paso, Gila Valley, Mount Franklin, New Mexico East, New Mexico West, Roswell, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Tucson East, Tucson North, Tucson Rincon, and Tucson West. These vary in size from Mount Franklin, the largest, with ten companionships, to New Mexico West with four companionships. Each zone has from two to three districts, each of which is presided over by a missionary. The district leaders, of course, are accountable to President McKinlay through their respective zone leaders. There is a large district in the Arizona Tucson Mission presided over by President McKinlay. More will be said about this district later.

Zone conferences are held each month and district meetings are held each week. A zone conference involves all missionaries in that zone. President McKinlay presides over the conference. He and Sister McKinlay teach the missionaries their responsibilities and church doctrines. The conference is planned, prepared for and conducted by the Zone Leader. Within parameters established by President McKinlay, the zone leader prepares and prints the agenda, arranges for physical facilities, arranges for lunch (usually prepared and served by relief society sisters), notifies the missionaries of place and time, then, as indicated, conducts the meeting. Elder Travis Olsen, a zone leader, says that two or three days are necessary to prepare for zone conference *"although the speedy Rodriguez (Agustin Rodriguez) set an ATM record by only having 13 hours to prepare."* Elder Olsen wrote that the zone leader *"teaches about Christ-like attributes, how to plan, and (he) discusses the administrative topic of the month."* (For a description of a month in the life of a zone leader, see the Appendix.) A zone conference typically starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends about 3:00 p.m., with an hour out for lunch. The conferences are intense spiritual experiences for sincere missionaries. They are pregnant with sound gospel teachings and moving testimonies. Almost, if not all, missionaries look forward to zone conferences. (See Appendix for a zone meeting agenda.)

District meetings are planned and conducted by district leaders. They involve all missionaries within the respective district. Zone leaders may or may not be present. Zone leaders try to attend each district meeting at least once each month. Usually, district meetings are conducted on Monday morning in the Arizona Tucson Mission. So, if a zone comprises three districts, there would be three district meetings going on



in that zone during Monday morning. Each meeting, however, would be held in a different location. In each meeting, missionaries are trained in proselyting skills, and in giving investigator discussions. They give reports on their missionary endeavors. And finally, they set proselyting goals and discuss possible solutions to problems encountered or expected. An excellent description of district leaders' responsibilities and the purpose of district meetings comes from Elder Grant R. Bushman who wrote:

*The District Leader is the link between the missionaries and the Zone. He is in charge of nurturing the missionaries in such a way so as to bring out their full potential. He helps them develop their skills, harness their attributes, and utilize the spiritual gifts they have been given. The district family meets together weekly to brainstorm and implement ideas that will work for the good of individuals, areas, the district, and ultimately, the mission. The District Leader is in charge of converting positive input into goals, and sees that (these) are achieved. The calling of the District Leader is one of the most rewarding, because the District Leader is rewarded by helping others grow. (For an agenda of a district meeting, see Appendix.)*

All missionaries participate directly in district meetings, and perhaps this results in the greatest benefit of all — a general feeling of encouragement and mutual support.

A district unlike other districts within the zones is the Alamogordo New Mexico District, over which President McKinlay presides. The District was created January 12, 1997, comprising the Alamogordo First and Second Wards, along with the Mescalero and Ruidoso Branches. The Alamogordo First and Second Wards, along with the Mescalero Branch, had previously been part of the Las Cruces, New Mexico Stake. The Ruidoso Branch had previously been part of the Roswell, New Mexico Stake. Leaders living in Alamogordo were spending so much time traveling 80 miles to Las Cruces for stake meetings and assignments, and stake members in Alamogordo were sufficiently active that initially a request was submitted to church headquarters for an Alamogordo Stake. The request, however, was denied. Apparently, active church members living in Alamogordo, Mescalero, and Ruidoso were not in sufficient number to justify creation of a stake. Subsequently, a request was reluctantly drafted creating the Alamogordo District, which meant that the District would come under jurisdiction of the Arizona Tucson Mission, and the Alamogordo First and Second Wards would become branches under the leadership of a district president. This request was granted.

When the District was created President Douglas R. McKinlay was designated the presiding authority, with Kenneth R. Eaton as District President, Robert A. Stockwell as First Counselor, and Scott L. Cluff as Second Counselor. These men were challenged by Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen, First Quorum of the Seventy and President of the North America Southwest Area, to prepare the District to become a stake two years from then.

This would imply a membership of 2,000 Latter-day Saints with sufficiently high supporting statistics reflecting, tithe paying; temple recommend-holders; home teaching; visiting teaching; and sacrament meeting attendance to justify the transition. As of this writing, the transition has not yet materialized.

Since its creation, there have been three conferences of the Alamogordo District. Agendas of these conferences read like those of stake conferences. There has been a Priesthood Leadership Meeting Saturday afternoon. This has been followed by the Saturday evening session of conference. Then at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning the last session of the conference is held. The conferences have been well attended. The members are responsible in discharging their priesthood responsibilities. Certainly before long, the District will become a stake. (For an agenda of the Alamogordo District Conference, see Appendix.)

About the time Alamogordo District became a reality, the Alamogordo chapel was renovated. During the renovation, an abandoned school building was rented for worship services. As the chapel renovation neared completion, the school building where ward and stake meetings were held was vandalized. This occurred in July 1998 and apparently the damage was carried out by one vandal. He slashed off black piano and organ keys with an ax or hatchet. He hacked benches and poured paint over furniture, including the piano and organ. Finally, he broke windows in the building.

Shortly after the school building in Alamogordo was vandalized, the same man vandalized the attractive Roswell church building. In this building, he broke a water line to the cooler, allowing the water to cover carpeting. He broke into the Family History Center where he axed screens and monitors on microfilm readers. He threw microfilm and microfiche into water inundating the carpet. Then one month later, he burned the building to the ground. He was apprehended and incarcerated in Albuquerque. Since then, construction on a new building has commenced in Roswell.

At present, there are fifteen branches in the Arizona Tucson Mission. These are led not by missionaries, but by regular branch members. The essential difference between a branch and ward is membership. When a branch increases sufficiently in membership, supported by the essential statistics (tithe paying, temple recommend holders, home teaching, visiting teaching and sacrament meeting attendance), it is then organized as a ward. Most branches in the Arizona Tucson Mission are under the jurisdiction of stake presidents, who, of course, work closely with President McKinlay and the missionaries in caring for the spiritual needs of these tiny ecclesiastical units.



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## From Inception of the Mission to the McKinlays

The Arizona Tucson Mission was created July 1, 1990. Its first president was James E. Mangum. President Mangum and his wife, Shirley, were released July 1, 1993, at which time Karl C. Loveland became president. President Loveland and his wife, Peggy, were released July 1, 1996. Both President Mangum and President Loveland were strengthened and served in their callings by Karl R. Fenn, first counselor, and Richard M. Taylor, second counselor. President Fenn and President Taylor, then, supported by their wives, Thelma and Caroline, respectively, served in the mission presidency for six years.

On July 1, 1996, Douglas R. McKinlay became president of the Arizona Tucson Mission. His wife, Betty Jo, has been a committed and helpful companion to him in his travels about the mission and in the discharge of his mission responsibilities. He has also been assisted by counselors and their wives, Jim and Linda Knight, Mel and Ada Cardon, Robert and Royanne Andron, Monty and Maria Kennedy. Presidents Knight and Cardon were released in 1998. Called to fill their positions were Presidents Andron and Kennedy. Presidents Cardon and Andron live in El Paso, which has helped President McKinlay maintain a solid administrative connection with that faraway part of the Mission.



### **PART THREE: THE MCKINLAY APPROACH**

**A Description of what President and Sister McKinlay's goals and procedures have been with regard to managing missionaries and supervising missionary work.**



President and Sister McKinlay have high expectations of missionaries. First, they expect them to be dedicated in their callings, working hard each day “*bringing souls unto Christ.*” They encourage missionaries constantly to keep “*focused*” on their assignments and not let the world around them interfere with their work. All mission rules, policies and procedures are intended to help missionaries keep focused. (See Appendix for written expectations by President and Sister McKinlay in *Welcome to the Arizona Tucson Mission.*)

Second, President and Sister McKinlay expect missionaries to understand basic church doctrine and to strengthen their testimonies by regular gospel study. The *Mastery Program* has been designed to help missionaries accomplish this.

The Mastery Program involves three steps in learning scriptures, church doctrine and gospel principles. First, the missionary qualifies, then certifies, and finally masters. At each stage, the missionary is awarded a certificate. Missionaries are qualified by district leaders. They are certified by zone leaders. And they pass their mastery requirements in an interview with President McKinlay or the Assistants. (Details of the Mastery program may be seen in the Appendix.)

A part of each zone conference is devoted to teaching church doctrine, and giving missionaries the opportunity to express their understanding of gospel principles. President McKinlay believes that missionaries with a sound understanding of church doctrine and gospel principles are more dedicated and effective in their work.

Both President and Sister McKinlay are effective teachers of the gospel. And both participate in zone conferences as teachers. Moreover, missionaries are assigned gospel topics or scriptures to develop in zone conference “talks.” Missionaries look forward to that part of zone conference devoted to gospel and scriptural study.

Third, missionaries are expected to protect their health. Sister McKinlay monitors the health of Arizona Tucson missionaries very carefully, and, through Sister Andrus, the Mission secretary, gives counsel to safeguard the health of missionaries. Evidence of her care and the quality of her counsel is reflected in comparative amounts of money missions spend for “missionary medical.” The Arizona Tucson Mission spends an average of \$32 per missionary per month on medical expenses. This is a conservative figure when compared to missions spending over \$100 per missionary per month.

Good nutrition and clean apartments are stressed constantly by Sister McKinlay. Frequently, at zone conferences, Sister McKinlay will conduct “white glove” inspections of the apartments in which missionaries within the zones reside. Missionaries throughout the Mission unite in declaring how high her expectations are and how carefully she enforces those expectations during apartment inspections. If missionaries survive her inspections, they feel complimented. They know their apartments are, indeed, clean.

Fourth, President McKinlay expects missionaries who drive vehicles, and ride bicycles, to obey all traffic laws and manage their machines wisely and with care. God is thanked daily, by Elder Andrus, President McKinlay's vehicle coordinator, that no missionaries who drive vehicles have been fatally injured or even sent to the hospital as the result of automobile accidents. Furthermore, missionaries are encouraged constantly to maintain their vehicles as recommended by the Church. Sister McKinlay conducts, or has the zone leaders conduct, training sessions in zone conferences intended to help missionaries understand the importance of car maintenance and safety precautions while driving. All missionaries view all the "car videos" sent to the Mission by Fleet Administration in Salt Lake City. These videos are shown on a regular basis, throughout the Mission over a period of time.

When missionaries violate driving regulations, President McKinlay frequently withholds driving privileges. For some missionaries, withheld- privileges have been in force throughout their missions.

Finally, President and Sister McKinlay are sensitive to the Spirit, and to the needs of missionaries. President McKinlay can be "tough" when necessary, but he has a heart as soft as it is big. His love for the missionaries is easily discerned as he talks and associates with them. The missionaries love, respect and honor him. Sister McKinlay, too, is loved, respected and honored by the missionaries. President and Sister McKinlay work together superbly well. They complement each other in missionary work. They provide excellent role models for the missionaries over whom they preside.

## **PART FOUR: MISSION RESOURCES AND PROCEDURES— NON-MISSIONARY**

1.     **Apartment Coordinators and Apartments**
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4.     **Mission Secretary: Office Manager, Missionary  
Medical, Reporting Baptisms**
5.     **Referral Secretary and Referrals**





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## Mission Apartment Coordinators

In the Arizona Tucson Mission, proselyting living quarters (numbering about 100) are managed by apartment coordinators. At the present time, these are Val and Lynne Christensen. Elder and Sister Christensen, who live in Tucson, have served part time (from 2 to 3 days per week) since May 1997. Prior to that time, the apartment coordinator was the mission financial secretary, but, along with his other responsibilities, he did not have sufficient time to serve well. So, under President McKinlay's direction, Jim Knight, a counselor in the mission presidency, and his wife, Linda, worked to establish an organization, and computer files, necessary for mission apartment coordination. President Knight had stake presidents issue service calls for apartment coordinators throughout the Mission. Sister Knight began creating computer files relating to missionary living quarters.

When Elder and Sister Christensen became apartment coordinators, they finished keying into the computer necessary information to allow for effective apartment management. Moreover, they monitored apartments throughout the Mission, primarily through stake apartment coordinators. Zone leaders, too, monitored apartments within their zones. They and the stake apartment coordinators reported to the Christensens, who, in turn, reported to President and Sister McKinlay. Occasionally, Elder and Sister Christensen went across the Mission themselves to check on apartments and solve apartment-related problems. Also, Sister McKinlay, as already indicated elsewhere in this report/ history, periodically inspected apartments.

Managing living quarters throughout the Mission, though not "full-time," can be demanding. Living quarters require constant attention. They must be inspected regularly as motivation for missionaries to keep them clean, and to ensure that landlords are providing what contractual agreements specify. Rent must be paid regularly and on time. Some apartments may need to be closed, while others must be found and made ready for occupancy. An effective business relationship must be developed and maintained with utility companies and other businesses. And useful records must be kept in the computer, and as hard copy in file drawers. The total responsibility requires ability to organize information and relate well with the public. Any degree of competence less than that required to meet the criteria indicated would shortchange missionaries, landlords, and the Mission.

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### Mission Financial Secretary

Finances in the Arizona Tucson Mission are managed by a financial secretary. Since the Mission was organized in 1990, this person has been a married priesthood-holder residing in Tucson. When President McKinlay received his call to preside over the Mission in 1996, the financial secretary was Daniel Holdaway. His wife, Susan Holdaway, served as the referral secretary.

Elder Holdaway served the Mission as financial secretary from May 1996 to November 1998. He was faithful, dedicated, honest and persistent in his calling. Patient and quiet, he performed his responsibilities competently without drawing attention to himself or his tasks. Fortunately, he had a knowledge of computers and software which made him a genuine asset to the mission office in addition to his responsibilities as financial secretary.

Elder Holdaway was given an honorable release after Ralph Baker, another Tucson resident, accepted a call to serve as Mission financial secretary. Elder Baker, too, had an excellent working knowledge of computers and software. He was able to keep the office computers functioning properly, as Elder Holdaway had done, during a transition as *"smooth as honey."* Elder Baker's wife, Mary Ann, was called to serve as referral secretary.

According to Elder Holdaway, bank accounts initially were *"set up with First Security Bank to allow each missionary to receive support and gas money by using an ATM card. Previously, these monies were mailed to the missionaries in the form of a check."* In time the ATM cards were discontinued and were replaced by VISA debit cards from Zion's Bank. Money could then be deposited into a missionary's account by sending a computer file to Church Finance in Salt Lake City, or by calling Church Finance, asking that money be transferred into a specific account.

Initially, rent deposits were mailed to apartment owners within the Arizona Tucson Mission. But as technology became accessible, electronic rent deposit was offered to apartment owners. Slowly the number of apartment owners participating in this option has grown. The process has worked very well.

The Mission financial secretary also pays telephone and paging service bills. Initially, the Mission paid for telephones in missionary apartments. Telephone calling cards were issued to each missionary. But a plethora of unauthorized phone calls with their associated long-distance charges resulted in canceling the cards and removing the phones. Under President McKinlay's direction, telephones were replaced with pagers — one pager per each companionship. (Pagers and paging problems are described elsewhere in this report/ history.) Zone leaders, and missionaries in areas where paging signals are weak or cannot reach at all, still have telephones in their apartments.

To facilitate missionary responses to paging signals, telephone lines with 1-800 numbers were provided for the mission office and mission home. The mission office line, however, will only accept calls originating within mission boundaries. Without the 1-800 numbers, missionaries would have to pay long distance charges, or wards/stakes/members would be encumbered with such charges, as missionaries used their telephones.

Originally, all office computers were networked together. But as Elder Holdaway explained: *"Since the Mission Management System (MMS) software is written for DOS and is not designed for networking, it caused very frequent system hangs which made it necessary to reboot each system on the network each time the network hung."* Eventually, all computers were removed from the network. Then one computer was assigned to MMS, including finances, mail and referrals. Another computer was assigned to vehicles and apartments. Finally, a third computer was assigned to the President's secretary. In time, each of the two Assistants was given access to a computer of his own. This eliminated *"frequent damaged files"* on the three other computers mentioned. It also eliminated the need for regular office staff to wait while their computers were used by the Assistants.

In conclusion, Elder Baker compiled a brief list of responsibilities as these relate to the financial secretary. They are as follows:

1. Pay mission expenses including telephone bills, utility bills, office rent, office supplies.
2. Transmit financial history to church headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah.
3. Set up the mission budget under direction of the mission president, and track the budget.
4. Determine the proper amount of money for missionary monthly support, and any support adjustments.
5. Determine, with the apartment coordinator, apartment rents and pay these by check or electronic transfer.
6. Discharge responsibility relating to operation of the MMS.
7. Transmit baptismal data to church headquarters in Salt Lake City.
8. Assist the referral secretary.
9. Assist in forwarding mail.
10. Assist the vehicle coordinator.

A conscientious and dedicated financial secretary usually has something to do the better part of each day, five days per week. He exercises a vital part in the mission staff operation.

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Fleet Administrator:  
Commissary

The Arizona Tucson Mission Office is a mini-distribution center for the Mission. In the commissary room may be found all essential materials for effective proselyting. As supplies diminish, orders may be placed with the Distribution Center in Salt Lake City by telephone, or they may be FAXED. Mailing orders is becoming a procedure of the past. After an order is placed, it may be filled within ten days to two weeks. The art in managing commissary is to estimate reasonably accurately how much of whatever is needed will be used. If a needed item is not available in the Mission commissary, all eyes focus on the person in charge and he/she may feel accused.

Anything needed from the Church Distribution Center is listed in a catalogue. Each item is identified by an order number. Its cost is also listed. No item may be ordered without its order number. And no order will be sent to the Arizona Tucson Mission without the Mission's unit number. There is always extra charge for items sent by "hurry up" or special delivery.

To track missionary orders, order forms have been designed by Elder Andrus. These are filled out as orders by missionaries come in. The order forms are then filed in the commissary file drawer.

Missionaries begin placing orders shortly before transfers. Sometimes these orders are delivered during transfers. Most usually, though, they are delivered the day following transfers when the Assistants to the President take trainers and their companions (in-coming missionaries) to their areas of labor. What commissary is not delivered then is usually delivered at ZLCM (Zone Leaders Council Meeting), the Friday following transfers. Missionaries in Tucson, of course, may order commissary through their zone leaders anytime. The zone leaders come to the Office and receive these orders.

Transfer week is always busy, but providing commissary during that week makes the whole experience a nightmare. However, at present, there seems to be no more effective way to handle commissary than by this time-proven method.

Items ordered most by missionaries are Books of Mormon (English and Spanish), Bibles, and Lamb of God videos. These are followed by other videos such as Together Forever, Heavenly Father's Plan, and On the Way Home. Blue Planners (English), Yellow Planners (Spanish), and Letters-to-the-President Forms are also frequently needed items.

Books of Mormon and Bibles, along with cases of videos, are kept in the mission home garage. Supplies of these are transferred to the mission office as needed. Only

a limited supply — just enough to fill orders for one month — is kept in the office commissary room.

An important part of missionary commissary orders is name tags. When missionaries need new or additional name tags, they order these through the Arizona Tucson Mission commissary person. Special order forms have been designed by Elder Andrus for these orders. Each order is FAXED to the MTC (Missionary Training Center) in Provo, Utah and is processed expeditiously. Name tags are usually received by the Mission within a week following the FAXED order. Tags are then mailed to the missionaries, and the cost is deducted from missionary support money for the following month.

Another important function of the mission commissary is to supply needed office materials — binders, file folders, file index sheets, laminating sheets, notepads, paper, pens, pencils, printer ink, and transparencies. These items are purchased locally by credit card.

At year's end, the Church requires an inventory of all missionary-related items for which there is a charge. This is time consuming and tedious, but necessary.

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Fleet Coordinator:  
Pagers

In the Arizona Tucson Mission, few missionaries have telephones in their apartments. Rather, every missionary companionship is issued a pager, and is expected to keep it on or near one of their persons during all waking hours. Contact with missionaries, then, is done primarily through pagers. This removes temptation to abuse telephone privileges by engaging in long, unnecessary and expensive telephone conversations with friends and relatives outside the mission field, and with missionaries within the Mission. Such was the practice when President McKinlay became mission president in July 1996. The decision to use pagers, then, was President McKinlay's decision.

Another advantage of the missionaries use of pagers is that they can be contacted at any time during waking hours. When the missionaries had only telephones and answering machines, messages from the Mission Office or the President went unanswered until the missionaries returned to their apartments for the evening. Pagers help the work of the Lord go forward more expeditiously, because when a page is sent, the missionaries are aware of it and respond as soon as a telephone is available. For instance, when a call is received in the Mission office requesting a blessing for the sick, the appropriate companionship is paged, and responds to that page as soon as possible. The message and blessing are then given hours before they might be otherwise.



When a pager is lost or "goes down," a new one is issued. Lost pagers cost the missionary \$40 in 1999 money. Defective pagers are replaced cost-free.

Pagers and paging service in the Arizona Tucson Mission are provided by Arch Communications, and Airtouch Paging. From 1996 through 1998 Arch pagers predominated by about three to one. By February 1999, however, parity prevailed.

A decision was made late in 1998 to replace Arch with Airtouch pagers because Airtouch offers superior service. Arch is a local company, serving only Arizona. Airtouch is national with more capital behind it, a more responsible, committed organization, and with seemingly a more effective system of accountability between service representatives and superiors. To illustrate, during the summer of 1998, Arch was slow in response to calls for service. Also, Elder Andrus discovered that the Mission was being charged for pagers which were no longer in use, amounting to about a hundred dollars per month. This had been going on for several months, putting Arch in the Mission's debt by a significant amount. This fact was brought to the attention of Arch Communications through the local paging office. But subsequent bills received from Arch revealed no change. So Elder Andrus and Elder Baker (the Mission financial secretary) agreed to pay only that portion of the Arch bill which reflected pagers in use. The following month, however, the Mission was not only billed for the full amount paid in the past, but also for the unpaid balance (relating to pagers not in use) that had not been paid the previous month. A letter to the main office resulted in no change. Finally, a service representative from the local office promised she would meet with Elder Andrus and Elder Baker in the Mission Office to settle the problem. A date and time were set, but the representative became ill and could not keep her appointment. Again a date and time were set, and again she became ill, requiring cancellation of the meeting. Eventually, the meeting materialized and Arch acknowledged an overcharge of \$800 which was credited to the Mission account.

In the meantime, Elder Andrus decided that each time an Arch pager was lost or "went down," it would be replaced with an Airtouch pager. This would allow the transition from Arch to Airtouch to develop over a relatively long period of time and minimize problems of switching from one company to another.

Both Arch and Airtouch are competitive in the prices they charge. And coverage, geographically, is about the same. Both companies in certain areas throughout the Mission must rely on other paging companies to transmit signals to their pagers. For example, Telebeeper of New Mexico, with headquarters in Albuquerque, serves as a relay company for Arch in eastern New Mexico. Without Telebeeper, the Mission would be unable to send pager messages to such places as Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad and Hobbs. When pagers were first put into service within the Mission, Telebeeper charged \$4 per pager per month. Today that charge would be about \$14 under a new contract. Since Arch has an old contract with the cheaper rate, the

Mission, for the time being, will stay with Arch Communications for paging service in eastern New Mexico.

Another paging company, within the Mission, is Western New Mexico Communications, based in Silver City. The Mission hoped to use this company, through Airtouch, to provide service for missionaries laboring in Duncan, Arizona and Animas, New Mexico, but the cost of \$24 per pager per month was prohibitive. The missionaries in Animas finally received a pager, but not from the Mission. A church member who wanted to contribute to God's work, bought a pager for the missionaries, and paid the monthly service charge till he moved to another area. Of course, he took his pager with him, which left the missionaries without one. They had become so converted to paging service in Animas that when they relinquished the pager they had been privileged to use, they were convinced that missionary work would certainly suffer as a result. Nevertheless, God's work has continued to progress in Animas, even without a pager. The missionaries there now use only a telephone. They and the missionaries in Duncan use telephones in their apartments. Other missionaries who use telephones in their apartments are zone leaders. They are usually responsible missionaries who do not abuse telephone privileges.

Communication within the Arizona Tucson Mission has worked well using pagers as the medium. In the future, pagers should continue to play a vital part in missionary work, providing a company offering responsible service is used. Today, that company, apparently, is Airtouch.

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#### Fleet Coordinator: Vehicles

There are in the Arizona Tucson Mission fifty-seven vehicles. One of these is a twelve-passenger Ford Clubwagon. Two more are two-wheel drive Ford Ranger pickups. And the rest are four-door passenger cars. The passenger cars are Chevrolet Cavaliers, Chevrolet Prizms, Toyota Corollas, and Nissan Sentras. President McKinlay drives a Pontiac Bonneville. These cars are ordered for the Mission by the Church fleet coordinator. They are delivered to a primary car dealer, then transhipped to a secondary car dealer in Tucson, Arizona. The secondary car dealer notifies the Mission when the cars are ready. Also, the secondary car dealer meets all legal requirements, so when the cars are released to the Mission, they are temporarily registered and have received their tax exemptions from Pima County. Occasionally, the Mission car coordinator is requested to get tax exemptions before temporary registration certificates are issued. When new cars are taken from the secondary dealer, they have temporary

license plates, but the dealer applies for license plates, through Arizona's Department of Transportation, and these eventually arrive in the mission office through regular mail.

When notice is received that new cars are in, the mission fleet coordinator should be able to drive them from the secondary dealership and put them into service without additional preparation. Normally, they are inspected, washed, receive floor mats, and full tanks of gas. Occasionally, some dealerships are reluctant to fill gas tanks. In such cases, a complaint is filed with the fleet coordinator at church headquarters.

During the summer of 1998, five Chevrolet Prizms were delivered, unprepared, to the parking lot of the business where mission headquarters are maintained. The mission fleet coordinator, Elder Andrus, then had to inspect, wash and prepare these cars for service. The most difficult of that preparation was getting them tax exempt, and registered with the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division. A young fellow at MVD insisted on collecting sales tax on all five vehicles. This could have amounted to \$4000. Elder Andrus refused to pay the tax. A ruling was finally obtained from the Department of Transportation in Phoenix, and the tax was not collected. The whole experience was frustrating and stressful. When Earl Farr, the church fleet coordinator, was apprised of the situation, the primary dealership in Utah Valley lost its right to handle vehicles for the Church.

When registration comes due on cars already in service, usually the registration certificates are sent to the mission office by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The fleet coordinator must then take the certificates to the Pima County courthouse and have the tax waived. He then takes the certificates to an MVD office in Tucson where they are validated, and a sticker is issued for the car's license plate. The registration certificates and stickers are then mailed to companionships driving the cars requiring the new registration certificates. The missionaries are instructed to put the certificates in the glove compartments and the stickers on the license plates immediately.

If a needed registration certificate is not mailed to the mission office, the fleet coordinator must take a copy of the expired certificate to the MVD office and secure a new one. Registering church-owned vehicles can cost as much as \$20 per vehicle, depending upon its age. Whenever, registration certificates are taken to the MVD for validation, sufficient money in check-form should be taken to pay the fee.

Vehicle registrations occur throughout the year, but most come due in December and January. A copy of every vehicle registration certificate and insurance verification form is kept in the car files. When a vehicle is retired from the fleet and sold, the backside of the registration certificate for that car is filled out with the requested information and mailed to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

New cars are put into service as soon after they arrive as possible. The cars they replace are detailed, sent to the automotive shop for possible repairs and sold.



Sometimes, repairs, including body repairs, can amount to hundreds of dollars. A policy of the Arizona Tucson Mission and Church is to sell cars worthy of the price for which they sell. That price can range from \$4500 to \$8000 for cars and as much as \$14000 for vans. Usually, the cars sell quickly. Occasionally, those that don't sell are taken to Salt Lake City and put on the market there. Russ Reynolds, a used car dealer in Safford, Arizona, has purchased used cars from the Mission to sell at a slightly higher price in Gila Valley.

Used cars are advertised first among church members, through ward priesthood meetings. After that, if additional advertising is needed, it is directed at the Tucson community. Non-LDS buyers are more difficult to deal with than church members. They assume the Church and Mission are in the used car business to make a profit, and they want to negotiate the price. Considerable explaining is necessary to convince them that the fleet headquarters in Salt Lake City sets the price of each vehicle at a point lower than the Blue book loan value for that particular car. The Arizona Tucson Mission fleet coordinator cannot alter that price. His only role in helping to determine the price for which a vehicle is sold is to inspect the car when it is retired from the fleet, then FAX his inspection forms to fleet headquarters in Salt Lake City.

During the winter of 1998-99, twenty cars were retired from the mission fleet and prepared for sale. This meant that twenty new ones came in. These had to be disseminated and put into service quickly. Some exchanges were planned for missionary transfers. Others were made at ZLCM (Zone Leaders Council Meeting). And still other car exchanges were made when the fleet coordinator, Elder Andrus and his wife, Gloria, drove the new cars to their assigned areas, then drove the cars to be retired back to Tucson. One transfer was made on Christmas Day. The new car was driven to the Yaqui Chapel in Sierra Vista where it was given to Elders Seegmiller and Lounsbury, with the happy words: "Merry Christmas, Elders. We've brought you this little gift." Of course, they were delighted to receive it, and gladly gave up their old for the new one.

With twenty used cars to sell, the Cambric parking lot, where the mission headquarters are located, was a little crowded. Of course, the mission cars were easily identified among all the other vehicles. So Elder Andrus tried to scatter them as much as possible and move them around. But finally, Sal Picerno, the manager of the Cambric Center where the cars were parked, said the cars must go — a few were O.K., but the parking lot must not be seen as a used car sales lot.

Fortunately, the situation was relieved somewhat when ten cars were sold. Another was parked at Rio Vista Apartments where Elder/ Sister Andrus live. Sal's order though motivated Elder Andrus into thinking perhaps the mission office should be moved. He suggested to President McKinlay that possibly an office could be built onto the Tucson Stake Center Building. An office of 1500 square feet could probably

be built for around \$100,000. It would save the Mission \$1800 per month in rent at the present rate. And the Mission would not have to account to anyone outside the Church for cars parked in the parking lot. It would also centralize mission headquarters in the Tucson area.

Costly accidents are comparatively few, but all vehicles before long show scratches and, in some cases, dents — the scars of battle in a war between the forces of Good and Evil. Actually, during 1998, accidents involved twenty Arizona Tucson Mission vehicles. Of the twenty, one car was a total wreck. Two others required repairs costing between \$2500 and \$4500, per car. Repair costs for the remaining seventeen cars ranged between \$200 and \$1800. Any accident in which the estimated repair-cost exceeded \$1000 was reported to Kemper Insurance Company which handles insurance claims for the Church.

Incredibly, no missionary has been injured in an automobile accident during President McKinlay's presidency. In at least two accidents, the missionaries were saved from injury by seat belts. In both of these, without seat belts having been used, missionaries may have been killed. As a matter of fact, more missionaries have been injured in bicycle accidents than in automobile accidents within the Arizona Tucson Mission over the past three years.

In one accident, the airbags deployed, but the missionaries claimed they never touched the airbags because their seat belts restrained them. Deployment of the airbags, however, constituted the major cost in the car's repair.

Missionaries are urged and trained to care properly for the vehicles they drive. Engine oil is changed about every 4,000 miles. Tires are replaced when the tread is worn to 2/32 of an inch. Missionaries are instructed to wash and vacuum their cars each week, and to handwax them at least every three months. Occasionally, though, with all the urging and training, a car may go unattended. For example, a car in Ruidoso, New Mexico (a remote mountain resort town) failed to start one morning. It was taken to two repair shops where the problem was not identified. Finally, a tow truck hauled it eighty miles to a dealership in Roswell. There the problem was identified as a dirty airfilter. Airfilters normally cost about \$6.00. But the tow charge and repair bills in this instance were over \$200.

Some missionaries respond positively to urging and training. They care very well indeed for the cars they drive. Others just don't seem to care.

To encourage better car care, Elder Andrus, with his wife's consent, initiated an award program that works reasonably well. Each time he inspects Arizona Tucson Mission vehicles (about every three months) he selects the one best prepared for inspection within each zone, and awards the companionships for these cars \$6.00 each. The money is sent with a letter of commendation. For the most part, missionaries have responded well to this little incentive endeavor.

An important assignment for the Arizona Tucson Mission fleet coordinator is keeping a record of missionaries' drivers licenses and driving records. These are kept in a large looseleaf binder. When missionaries enter the Arizona Tucson Mission, the fleet coordinator makes copies of their drivers licenses and collects their driving records. These are inserted into the binder in alphabetical order. They stay there until the missionaries depart the Mission. A missionary must have both a license and driving record to drive. A foreign driver's license will not qualify him/her.

At the beginning of each month, the fleet coordinator collects mileage reports from the companionships driving cars. He then keys into the computer, miles allotted for the previous month and miles driven. He also keys in gallons of gas purchased and any maintenance expense incurred. The computer totals miles driven, gallons of gas purchased, miles per gallon, and maintenance expenses. This, then, constitutes a report which is sent to Fleet Administration in Salt Lake City. Any accidents which need to be reported are described and sent with the mileage/maintenance report.

Another report, useful for the fleet coordinator, mission president, and assistants to the president, is the Over/Under Miles Report. This indicates how many miles over or under a car was driven according to its allotted miles. Missionaries who consistently exceed allotted miles may face serious penalties, including a loss of driving privileges. Decisions involving penalties and suspended driving privileges should be made by the mission president in meeting with the fleet coordinator, fleet advisor, and assistants to the president. This committee, excluding the mission president, also decides each month on the number of miles allotted each vehicle and the amount of gas money needed to accommodate the allotted miles.

The Arizona Tucson Mission has a fleet advisor to assist the fleet coordinator. Before 1998, the advisor served part-time in that calling. He registered vehicles, helped prepare monthly reports and, when needed, assisted in moving cars about. Beginning in 1998, however, the calling of fleet advisor was given to the mission financial secretary, who already had more to do than his part-time calling would allow. So he was advisor in name only. What the advisor previously did was now done by the fleet coordinator. Since then, the operation has been a "one-man show." The show has demonstrated that one full-time missionary can discharge effectively all responsibilities described in this material, but only under considerable stress, and with an expenditure of energy that at times is insufficient for the need. A part-time fleet advisor who does nothing but assist the fleet coordinator is a desirable and justifiable calling.

The Arizona Tucson Mission fleet coordinator is heavily involved in monthly missionary transfers. After the mission president and his assistants assign and reassign missionaries to their new areas, the fleet coordinator notes the changes, prepares a new allotment sheet for the following month (that is till the next scheduled transfer) then gives this to the financial secretary so he will know to whom to send gas money and how

much to send. He then makes certain both van and trailer are ready for the transfer. He is directly responsible, incidentally, for making certain the van is serviced regularly and on schedule according to the Ford warranty program.

Transfer day has always been on Tuesday of transfer week. This is because most incoming missionaries arrive on Wednesday morning. Transfer on Tuesday, then, allows those missionaries serving as trainers for the incoming missionaries to transfer to Tucson to meet their new companions, sit with them in an orientation meeting, eat dinner with them at the mission home, and then return to their areas of labor on Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday transfers, for the fleet coordinator, begin at 8:00 a.m. in summertime and in wintertime at 9:00 a.m. He drives the van, or sees that it is driven by a responsible person. The Assistants to the President could probably do this without assistance from a staff member, but Elder Andrus feels that an older staff member adds social stability to a radically changing social situation that could easily "get out of hand" if vigilance were not maintained.

The first transfer point is the Tucson Stake Center. Missionaries in Tucson gather there to trade companions or take the van to areas in other parts of the Mission. The first transfer point outside Tucson is the Pomerene Chapel at Benson, Arizona. The second is McDonald's at Willcox, Arizona. The final and major transfer point is the chapel at Lordsburg, New Mexico, 150 miles east of Tucson. At Lordsburg, a van and U-haul truck from El Paso rendezvous with the van and trailer from Tucson and a major exchange of missionaries and baggage occurs. The van from El Paso stops at Las Cruces and Deming, New Mexico on its way to Lordsburg. All New Mexico missionaries, involved in the transfer, meet the van at these places.

Some exchanges during transfers may involve a third of the missionary force. All baggage is carried in a trailer pulled by the van. Vehicles coming from El Paso usually comprise missionary cars, privately owned vans and a rented U-haul truck. Driving 300 miles with a van full of missionaries, and pulling a loaded trailer at 75 miles per hour is enervating. Sleep comes easily after such a day.

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#### Mission Secretary: Secretarial Responsibilities

In the Arizona Tucson Mission, the mission secretary is the hub of office activity. Little is done in the mission office without her knowledge. In fact, her influence is reflected in many of the decisions made and in much of the activity that characterizes that office.

The mission secretary is privy to correspondence received by President McKinlay. She types most of his letters. She develops and updates his files. She is in communication daily with him whether he is in the office or 500 miles distant in eastern New Mexico. She knows the problems he deals with.

The mission secretary is also in touch, daily, with the missionaries — she knows their concerns, how they think (and sometimes what they think). When President McKinlay is not present, which is frequent, she counsels the missionaries and acts as their confidant. Frequently, she is their contact with parents or with Missionary Medical when she thinks their health needs require authoritative medical assistance. Frequently, she is in contact with the Missionary Department, arranging for missionary departures and arrivals.

She prepares material for the missionary Mastery Program (a personal study program for missionary growth and development in scripture, church doctrine and gospel principles). And she tracks progress of missionaries in that program.

The mission secretary is the contact person for the Mission. A plethora of telephone calls each day request information about the Church or seek church help. She must know Tucson stakes, wards and their leaders. She must be ready to dispense information about the Bishop's Storehouse, cannery, Beehive Clothing, Deseret Industries, and the local LDS bookstore. She is the one who answers about 95% of telephone calls received by the mission office. She directs each call to the appropriate office person. Likewise, when someone visits the mission office, she is the first person they see and talk with. Her office looks out on the foyer into which all must enter before going further. In reality she is the office manager, although she has never been privileged with that designation. Traditionally, the fleet administrator has been designated the office manager, perhaps because he holds the Priesthood. But Elder Andrus has never been inclined to accept that designation. The mission office could function for sometime without the apartment coordinators, fleet coordinator, financial and referral secretaries. But it could not function effectively even one day without a competent and conscientious mission secretary.

President McKinlay has had two dedicated, competent mission secretaries. Sister Beverley Johnsen, who worked at Brigham Young University Continuing Education before her mission, served as his first secretary for seventeen months before Sister Gloria Andrus, registrar at Ricks College for sixteen years, entered the office to serve the better part of his last eighteen months. Having responsible secretaries in the office has relieved him of concern about office activity and has allowed him to focus on the missionaries and their work. Repeatedly, President McKinlay has expressed his appreciation to Sister Andrus for her competence, and devotion to her calling. His confidence in her ability was sufficient that when the baptism reporting secretary was extended a release, Sister Andrus was requested to shoulder this additional significant



responsibility. She did, but not without suffering daily from physical exhaustion at day's end. Ultimately, others were found to handle baptism reporting.

So important are Sister Andrus's responsibilities, she was asked to write a brief narrative covering those responsibilities. She wrote:

My responsibilities in the office include being the personal secretary to President Douglas R. McKinlay, being first station for answering the office telephone, assisting missionaries and Sister Betty Jo McKinlay with medical problems, preparing the staff meeting agenda, corresponding with in-coming missionaries, preparing arrival and departure packets, corresponding with the Travel Office at Church Headquarters, processing Mastery certificates, preparing the Zone box for Zone Conference interviews, and so on. My former secretaries and clerks back at Ricks think it's great that I must now do my own filing, and that I don't even get paid to do it.

In the yellow pages, the Arizona Tucson Mission is listed as an information number. Because of that, we get numerous calls from people needing financial assistance — they equate our mission to missions of other faiths. Many people understand when I explain that we only direct the activities of our missionaries from our mission office — that we do not have resources to provide food, money, or furniture. Others continue to argue that they need help. I can understand the pressure and frustration others feel, but don't appreciate their making me feel responsible for their circumstances.

That informational tag also brings many calls about church attendance. People call who have recently moved to Tucson and want to know which ward they live in. My first inclination a year ago was to tell them to ask their neighbors as we would do in Utah and Idaho, but that doesn't work here. Our large map in the office is a great help in determining ward and stake boundaries. Other times, people are in town over the weekend and wish to know the nearest church to their hotel so they can attend Sunday meetings. I finally placed a blue dot on the map for each church building so it would be easy to determine the nearest church.

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#### Referral Secretary: Referrals

Every morning between 7:00 and 7:30, Elder Andrus downloads referrals for the Arizona Tucson Mission. These vary in number from eighty to three, but there are always referrals to download. They originate in the MTC (Missionary Training Center) in Provo, Utah. Members of the national television audience, responding to ads

reflecting values of the LDS Church, telephone the referral center at the MTC. There, Elders and Sisters record names, addresses and phone numbers, which are sorted and assigned by computer according to zip codes to various missions of the Church. Some who call request a video such as the Lamb of God, Family Answers, Our Heavenly Father's Plan, or On the Way Home. Others want Bibles or Books of Mormon. And some, simply, want to talk with a missionary.

Media referrals, then, generate missionary activity. Each day the referrals downloaded are transmitted to missionaries in the various zones throughout the Arizona Tucson Mission. Missionaries receiving referrals are expected to make contact with those to whom they are referred that day, or as soon thereafter as possible. In the Arizona Tucson Mission, about two percent of all media referrals for a given month may result in baptisms. So media referrals are not the major source of candidates from which baptisms result, but no one understands the residual effect of a missionary's response to a referral. Church leadership in Salt Lake City feels sufficiently converted to the media referral system that thousands of dollars are committed to it each year.

Incidentally, the most effective way to convert non-members, the Church has found, is by using referrals from members. This is called PMP (prime the member pump). The idea is to involve church members by asking them to list non-members they know, then invite these non-members into their homes to hear and interact with full-time missionaries. Some members are reluctant to do this, but statistics indicate that the highest number of converts result from this process.

In conclusion, Arizona Tucson Mission referral secretary, Sister Mary Ann Baker, has written about media referrals and her responsibilities in the mission office:

*As the Referral Secretary, it is my privilege to work with all zone leaders and missionaries in dispensing media referrals or member referrals sent to our mission from the Referral Computer Center in Provo, Utah. I also assist in helping to correct any referral assigned to the wrong zone. Most mistakes occur in the city of Tucson. Since the computer works with zip codes, and zones are organized according to ward boundaries, there are often errors. I also have to make changes when a university student or a person who speaks only Spanish is assigned to a zone other than one with missionaries who meet their needs.*

*For quick response, we encourage all street contacts or member referrals to be reported to the Church Twenty-four Hour Referral Number 1-888-LDS-7700. In the office, we take referrals within our mission that need special attention. We also take care of FAX referrals and help church members who call our office with referrals.*

It is so important that the missionaries receive the referrals as early as possible that all office personnel join in and help answer phones and give the referral information to the missionaries. It really is a great team effort.

I keep a file of referrals. The file is given to the Assistants and to President McKinlay. The Assistants use them as tools while touring the mission's zones, encouraging and teaching the missionaries.

A record is kept of how many of the referrals are taught the First Discussion and how many are added to the teaching pool. A record is kept showing the percentage of media referrals that are baptized and is used as a measure of effectiveness. A record is kept with the goal of all referrals being contacted within the first twenty-four hours of the date on the referral sheet.

I also photocopy the Welcome Books and Mastery Program for the incoming missionaries. I make sure there is plenty of "Steven Covey" letters for each departing missionary packet.

At missionary transfer time, the financial secretary up-dates information in the computer and prints an updated Mission Directory; the referral secretary photocopies this directory and sees that everyone gets a copy. A special copy is sent to each stake mission president in our mission, along with an extra copy for mission leaders. A complete calendar of mission events is included.

At transfer time, the office as a team supports President and Sister McKinlay in any way we can. I usually assist at the farewell dinner held at the mission home, along with anything else needed.

I sort and bundle all church newspapers and magazines into zones, for distribution at ZLCM to the zone leaders for the use and benefit of the missionaries.

As support personnel in the mission office, we all assist each other in any project we can for the good of all. It is not only a blessing, but very gratifying and a spiritual experience to work with the Golden Names that come in as referrals, to be part of the missionary support team, and work with the good people in the office. What a choice blessing.



## **PART FIVE: MISSION RESOURCES AND PROCEDURES — MISSIONARY-RELATED**

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## Transfer Planning, Transfers, Missionary Departures and Arrivals

Missionary transfers in the Arizona Tucson Mission occur monthly, always the day before missionary arrivals which are usually on the third or fourth Wednesday. New missionaries arrive according to a schedule developed by the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah. A period of four to five weeks can intervene between missionary arrivals. This translates into transfers from the third Tuesday of one month to as late as the fifth Tuesday of another month.

Always, about one week before transfer day, President McKinlay, with his two Assistants, incarcerate themselves behind closed doors in the President's office where they spend most of the day deciding transfers. With 180 to 200 missionaries in the force, transfer planning can be taxing, to say the least. Of course, God helps, through faith and prayer, but without remarkable expenditure of mental energy, faith and prayer alone would not be sufficient. A testimony to the effectiveness of faith, prayer and expenditure of mental energy by President McKinlay and his Assistants is that, for the most part, decisions they make prove to work well. Sometimes, matching missionaries in companionships intended to solve companionship problems, or reactivate inert missionaries, is next to impossible. A few missionaries probably should not be in the field. They offer genuine challenges to the president. And occasionally, a missionary must be sent home for one reason or another. But President McKinlay has chosen to work patiently with recalcitrant missionaries for as long as he thinks they may repent and mend their ways. He deserves commendation for his patience and longsuffering.

On Sunday, before transfers occur, missionaries to be zone leaders and Assistants are notified of their callings, but other missionaries are simply told they are being transferred. Theoretically, they are not told where they are going or with whom they will serve. They are not given this information until transfer morning when they gather to depart for their new areas. This means they appear at the departure place ready to go anywhere in the mission, whether that be twenty or five-hundred miles away. This policy reduces gossip that could be hurtful, and eliminates phone calls complaining about the new area to which one may be transferred, and the companion with whom one will be expected to serve.

On transfer day, missionaries who are being transferred meet at predesignated places and times. Those going east from Tucson, Arizona; Benson, Arizona; and Willcox, Arizona are transferred in the mission van which pulls a trailer for luggage and bicycles. Those going west from El Paso, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Deming, New Mexico are transferred in a private van while their luggage and bicycles are transported in a rented U-Haul truck. The major exchange takes place at Lordsburg,

New Mexico, the midway point between Tucson and El Paso. At transfer points along the way (the places already indicated), there are sad farewells and joyous reunions. To watch missionaries interrelate and interact on these occasions is moving. Elder Andrus, who has driven the transfer van fifteen out of eighteen times during his mission, has felt amply rewarded, surrounded by these exuberant young people engaged in God's service.

Among missionaries going west are trainers. These are missionaries selected to have as companions those coming into the field from the Mission Training Center in Provo. Trainers are expected to train their new companions in all the ways marking effective missionaries. Upon arriving in Tucson, trainers are taken to the institute building on the University of Arizona Campus. There they are treated to a dinner prepared by relief society sisters in one of the Tucson stakes or wards. Following dinner, they are addressed by a member of the mission presidency. This address is intended to help them understand the importance of their responsibility as trainers, and prepare them emotionally and spiritually for that responsibility. Next, they are instructed by each of the Assistants to the president. They are then taken to church members' residences throughout Tucson where they spend the night.

In the meantime, other missionaries, among those being transferred to points west, are those who depart for home the following morning. These are taken to the mission home where they are treated to dinner prepared by Sister McKinlay, then after receiving counsel from President McKinlay, they express their testimonies. These testimony meetings are always moving experiences. Usually, missionaries who know they leave for home the following morning, reveal feelings in simple, but eloquent language, devoid of attempts to impress. In closing, President McKinlay may bless them in prayer, after which they retire to their beds, either in the mission home, or in church members' homes throughout Tucson.

Early Wednesday morning (following Tuesday transfers) trainers, departing missionaries, and the Assistants gather at the mission home for breakfast before going to the airport with President and Sister McKinlay. At the airport, emotional expressions of endearment and farewell are reminders that this life is replete with beginnings and endings, hopefully unlike that of the next. After the departing missionaries have left for home, the incoming missionaries arrive, anxious and sleepy — after all they've been up and going since 2:00 a.m.

In the meantime, the mission secretary and her husband, usually the fleet coordinator, have busied themselves at the Fort Lowell Church Building where they have readied the Relief Society room for an orientation meeting with the in-coming missionaries and their trainers. The cultural hall, too, has been readied for lunch. About 11:00 a.m., President and Sister McKinlay, with the Assistants and in-coming missionaries, arrive at the church building, and meeting begins.

In the orientation meeting, President McKinlay welcomes the in-coming missionaries to the Arizona Tucson Mission, then talks to them about dedicating themselves to the Lord's work. He is followed by Sister McKinlay who talks about the Mission — its boundaries, geography, population and expectations of the missionaries in terms of keeping apartments clean and dressing conservatively, but attractively. Sister McKinlay is followed by Sister Andrus who talks about the Welcome Booklet, Mastery Program (a personal study program), receiving and sending mail, medical concerns and how to use the debit card and spend money wisely. While Sister McKinlay and Sister Andrus are presenting their material, Elder Andrus goes to the mission office and copies the incoming missionaries' driver's licenses. He returns about the time Sister Andrus finishes her presentation, and passes back the driver's licenses. He also distributes a letter about vehicles which is read and discussed briefly. Elder Andrus is followed by the Assistants who address the missionaries briefly on their calling as missionaries. The Assistants quote copiously from the scriptures as they develop an appropriate message for those to whom they speak.

After President McKinlay talks to the incoming missionaries, he retires to a classroom in the building and while the meeting goes on, he interviews the incoming missionaries, one by one, spending from five to ten minutes with each. He ends his interviewing as the meeting concludes, then everyone enjoys lunch. By 1:00 O'clock, all are ravenous, and the in-coming missionaries are bleary-eyed, groggy-headed, and feeling absolutely overwhelmed by the information given.

After lunch, everyone would like to sleep, but the missionaries are hurried to the mission office. There they become acquainted with the missionary board and other staff members — for some this will be the only time they see the office and meet staff members. From the mission office, the missionaries wind their way through the Catalina Foothills to the mission home, about three miles from the office.

In the mission home, the in-coming missionaries express their testimonies as clearly and meaningfully as sleep-starved brains and full stomachs will allow. For those who attend the testimony meetings of departing and incoming missionaries, the difference in testimonies is noteworthy, indicating the degree of maturity to which these young emissaries will attain before they complete their ecclesiastical assignments.

Following testimony meeting, the in-coming missionaries, with their trainers, are loaded into the van and the Assistants drive them across the mission to their areas of labor. Some who are assigned to remote parts of the mission may not collapse into bed until midnight. In a case or two, they may have to stay overnight with other missionaries. By the time they awake the following morning, they probably wonder what on earth they are doing way out on a New Mexico plateau, feeling lost and helpless. The trainers must help them transcend this feeling and become dedicated, productive servants of God.

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## Assistants to the President

Assisting President McKinlay in his assignment are two full-time, proselyting missionaries. These have always been good young men and effective proselyters. Their responsibilities are manifold — ranging from kitchen duty for Sister McKinlay to planning/conducting ZLCM and conducting training tours for Zone Leaders. They are heavily involved in missionary transfer operations. They help President McKinlay plan transfers of individual missionaries. They over-see transfer details. They accompany the van and trailer during transfers. They drive the van and trailer back across the mission from Tucson to El Paso on the day following transfers, as they take in-coming missionaries and their trainers to their areas of labor. For three days, during transfer week, their responsibilities are exhausting, but they discharge these without complaint. Many missionaries may desire to be a President's Assistant, but only a few know the demanding burden of that calling.

Elder Christopher Beck, a recent Assistant, expressed feelings a zone leader may have when called to be an Assistant. He wrote that as a zone leader, one may begin to feel comfortable in his calling, then one day a pager message is received to call President McKinlay.

*Now this means two things. First, your life as a leader will change and you will go back to being a normal missionary which would be an enjoyable time. Or President will ask you how you are doing and then the question is asked: "Elder, do you have a temple recommend, and are you worthy to hold it.?" By this time, you know what is in store for you. Life as you knew it will suddenly change and speed up. You will need to be ready and hold on to your hat because you will not slow down for a time.*

Two Assistants, Elder Nicholas Crockett and Elder Beck, have provided a peek into planning/conducting ZLCM and training for zone leaders.

### Elder Crockett

Zone Leader Council Meeting (ZLCM) is held monthly in Lordsburg, New Mexico — the halfway point of the mission. Regularly, the meeting is held the Friday following transfers. All zone leaders from the twelve zones gather together on this occasion to receive instruction from the mission president, but in large from the Assistants to the President. Those in attendance at ZLCM, as President McKinlay has stated, are the Top Guns of the mission.

The zone leaders of the Tucson North, Tucson West, Tucson, Tucson East, Tucson Rincon, Sierra Vista and Gila Valley Zones take the mission van west to Lordsburg. The zone leaders of the Roswell, El Paso, Mount Franklin, New Mexico East and New Mexico west Zones car pool in mission cars east to Lordsburg.

Typically, all zone leaders arrive in Lordsburg a little early and meet at the McDonalds down street from the chapel to enjoy a pre-ZLCM half-priced breakfast.

ZLCM is the Assistants' opportunity to train the mission's zone leaders, as directed by the mission president. It is at ZLCM that the mission's agenda for the new reporting period is announced. The theme, scripture, attribute training, skill training, planning training, administrative training, and talk on faith are all announced and presented by the Assistants. The other aspects of the meeting are accountability, follow-up, and a council meeting conducted by President.

The meeting officially begins at 9:00 a.m., but all take their seats at 8:50 a.m. to begin work on a "Case for Obedience," and zone leaders' blue/yellow planners are checked by the Assistants to determine the recipient of the "Best Planner Award."

President McKinlay presides at the meeting accompanied by Sister McKinlay, his two councilors and their wives when possible. One of the Assistants conducts the meeting.

Following the opening hymn and invocation, President randomly selects a zone leader to give a three minute talk on the theme scripture--all zone leaders are expected to arrive at ZLCM with a previously prepared theme talk. Afterwards, all in attendance stand and in unison recite Doctrine and Covenants 4 and Standard of Truth.

At this point in the meeting, each zone leader stands accountable for his zone's last month's performance by presenting zone overview transparencies, and the Assistants stand accountable for the mission in the same manner.

Following accountability, one or both of the Assistants presents Planning Training (15 min.), followed by the other Assistant's giving Skill Training (50 min.). All of this training is the guideline for the zone leaders to follow as they prepare for zone conference.

President then conducts the Leadership Council Meeting (40 min.) which is a time designated to discuss the mission's concerns, problems, obstacles and solutions. President wants everybody present to participate and contribute to the meeting. The agenda of items discussed changes from ZLCM to ZLCM.

After the Leadership Council Meeting, a zone leader offers the blessing on the food and the meeting is adjourned for lunch. Lunch is a definite ZLCM highlight. Not a single zone leader who has ever attended ZLCM would argue the fact that Sister McKinlay's rolls alone are enough incentive to be called as a zone leader!

All reconvene and sing the mission song. Following the song a pre-assigned zone leader gives the talk on faith (3 min.). The Assistants, then, follow up as each zone leader stands accountable for several tasks to which he was assigned at the previous ZLCM (30 min.).



The Departmental Meeting is next on the agenda. President and his councilors accompanied by their wives dismiss themselves for a planning meeting while the Assistants run through the announcements, handouts, zone conference agendas and answer any questions.

The meeting comes to a close as all in attendance have the opportunity to share their testimony. The closing hymn is sung, and the benediction is offered.

It is not uncommon for there to be pictures taken, commissary distributed, and sodas purchased at the Diamond Shamrock before all the missionaries load back up for the ride home--time greatly needed to reflect on all that transpired in the most powerful and spiritual meeting of the mission.

### Elder Beck

During the middle of each month we (the Assistants) have the opportunity to go on an AP Training Tour out to all the zones and enjoy exchanges within the various areas (where missionaries labor) and meet with investigators. This is a wonderful time to get to know the missionaries and to proselyte in the Kingdom. We prepare a training that follows President McKinlay's leadership training. This stems off the theme and is more in depth to learn how to be a better leader and missionary. We are able to learn new insights on the many different situations that arise within a missionary's two-year service. By doing so, we are able to bring all leaders and their companions up to the same level to qualify for the blessings throughout the mission. So, we may contribute to the success of the mission. After an hour of training, we finish with Personal Priesthood Interviews (PPIs), and then we are off to work (proselyte) in the area.

It's a wonderful experience we have to tour the mission and meet all the missionaries. As we return from the AP-Tour, we try to remember to stop at Wall Greens on the corner to pick up some ice cream for our companions because of the great work they have done throughout the week while we were gone.

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### Statistics and Statistical Reporting

An important responsibility, discharged by the Assistants, is gathering statistical information from zones, and compiling this so President McKinlay can know not only how each zone is doing, but how the Mission is doing as well. Once each week, zone leaders report to the assistants, after having received statistical information from their district leaders. This information is entered into computers, printed out and filed in binders entitled Stat Book: Arizona Tucson Mission.



Information accumulated for each zone relates to Finding Discussions, Callbacks, Prime the Member Pump (referrals by members), Prime the Member Pump Teaching, Baptismal Services, Stake Missionary Referrals, Media Referrals, Media Teaching (how many media referrals allow teaching by the missionaries), Commits, and Baptisms. Information in all these categories relates directly to each companionship serving in that zone. So not only does President McKinlay know how the Zone is doing, but also how each district within the zone, and each companionship within each district is doing as well.

From statistical information in computer files, graphs and charts are developed to use in zone conferences and ZLCM. The graphs and charts are useful visual aids.

In a binder entitled *ATM Stats: Arizona Tucson Mission 1999 Statistics*, the Mission's zones are compared according to accumulated statistical information, and ranked from 1 to 12. For example, information for March indicated that one zone, ranked Number 1, met 99.6% of its goal for finding potential investigators. Another zone, ranked Number 1 for investigator discussions, achieved 65.6% of its goal. In that same month the top zone for baptisms boasted 21, while the lowest zone baptized no one.

Each week, hours of time are spent in companionships and district meetings setting goals and generating statistical information reflecting achievement of those goals. This information is then reported to the zone leader who transmits it to the Assistants. The amount of time spent in this process is an indication of how important goals and statistics are in evaluating the missionary effort within areas, districts, zones and the Mission.

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### Unified Missionary Plan

In October 1997, President McKinlay presented a "Unified Missionary Plan" to Tucson East Stake (see Appendix "A Unified Plan"). Presentations followed throughout the rest of 1997 until all stakes within the Arizona Tucson Mission, including the Alamogordo District had heard the plan. The purpose and spirit of the plan was expressed best by the Alamogordo District in these words:

*Our purpose is to unite with the Arizona Tucson Mission Force and the individual Branches in the Alamogordo New Mexico District in bringing people to Jesus Christ, through conversion, retention and activation, with increased velocity and lasting effectiveness.*

*We recognize the need for all members to willingly heed the council of our Prophet, President Hinckley, and be actively engaged in the work of conversion,*

retention and activation. Our plan is to teach these principles with love, patience and example to all the leaders in the District and then ask that they do likewise to all the members of the District.

The key to success for each Branch rests with the Branch President and with his efforts through the Priesthood Executive Committee, Branch Mission Leader and Branch Missionary Committee to implement the goals they have set.

Our efforts as a District will be directed toward helping them do so by encouraging them to organize and maintain effective Missionary Committees and by maintaining communication and effective correlation with Full-time and District Missionaries in assisting in the accomplishment of Branch goals.

The Branch Mission Leader becomes a key focal point for coordinating the work in each unit under the direction of the individual Branch President. The District Mission President is the focal point for coordinating the work District-wide under the direction of the District President.

Through effective correlation, prayer, faith and effort, these goals will be met.

This statement was followed by a list of goals, branch by branch, for 1998 as these related to conversion, retention and activation. Each stake and ward throughout the Mission did essentially the same thing. Thus, each branch and ward set the goals by which district, stake and full-time missionaries would be motivated during 1998.

Goals for the Alamogordo District and stakes within the Arizona Tucson Mission were sent to the mission office and filed. Throughout 1998, progress was checked against these goals. Progress in some wards and stakes was commendable (see Appendix "St. David Stake Unified Mission Plan Summary for 1998"), but in others it was disappointing. Overall, achievement by year's end shortchanged the Mission in terms of baptisms. President McKinlay had hoped for baptisms exceeding a thousand. The Mission came in well under that with 872. Consequently, in 1999, the Mission set its baptism goals independently of wards, branches, stakes and districts.

Apparently, missionary spirit and commitment necessary to generate a successful unified plan is insufficient in branches, wards, districts and stakes generally. Members must become missionaries in fact, as well as in name, before a unified plan can work.

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**Mission Tours,  
Visit by President Hinckley,  
and Seminars**

General Authorities have toured the Arizona Tucson Mission from time to time during 1996-1999. Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen, President of the North America Southwest Area (NASW Area), toured the mission in 1996 and 1997. His counselor, D. Todd Christofferson, toured the mission in 1997, and his other counselor, Angel Abrea, toured the mission in 1998. These brethren, during their tours, provided training in procedure, scripture, doctrine, and encouraged heightened effort in the missionary endeavor.

In December of 1996, President Gordon B. Hinckley, after dedicating the Mormon Battalion Monument in Tucson, spoke to Arizona Tucson missionaries. Battalion members, on their long trek west, endured incredible hardships while remaining committed to their obligation and trust. With the Mormon Battalion undoubtedly on his mind, President Hinckley, while speaking to the missionaries, mentioned that Christmas was near, and some may feel yearnings for home. But he gave all to understand how he felt about such yearnings when he said, "You won't be home for Christmas. So What?" God's missionaries, whether Battalion members or proselyters, are expected to sacrifice private interests for God's causes, and remain committed until the task is accomplished.

During 1996-1999, President McKinlay attended five NASW Area Mission Presidents' Seminars, and Training Meetings. These were presided over by the Area Presidency, and conducted for the training of mission presidents within the Area. Sister McKinlay accompanied President McKinlay to three of these seminars. The meetings were held in Phoenix, Fort Worth, and Houston. These occasions are the only times when President McKinlay was allowed to leave the mission field — without invitation from the Area Presidency, President McKinlay is not allowed to leave the mission field, just as the missionaries over whom he presides are required to stay within mission boundaries.

(For more detailed information concerning Mission Tours, Visits, and Training Seminars for Mission Presidents, see the Appendix.)

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### *The Mission Voice*

Once each month, Sister McKinlay publishes a newsletter entitled *The Mission Voice*. This embodies brief spiritual messages by the President and his Assistants. It lists those missionaries who have “qualified,” “certified,” and “mastered” since the last publication. It indicates incoming and outgoing missionaries. It contains the baptismal report for the previous month. It reveals the zone conference schedule for the current month. And it presents mini-articles by the mission secretary, fleet coordinator, financial secretary, and referral secretary.

The supposition is plausible that the missionaries read *The Mission Voice*, but one wonders how closely they follow recommendations in its mini-articles. Its most powerful impact upon missionaries, undoubtedly, is transmitted through the spiritual messages. After all, that is why missionaries are here — to be guided by the Spirit to those who are searching for a better way.

Preparations are underway to have the Assistants publish *The Mission Voice* when President and Sister McKinlay are released. This will insure continued publication without interruption.

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### Investigator Firesides

Shortly before Elder and Sister Andrus left Rexburg, Idaho, to enter the mission field, President McKinlay indicated his desire that they conduct investigator firesides while they served in the Arizona Tucson Mission. He requested a list of topics to be discussed in the firesides. So, after some thought and discussion while traveling to Tucson, a list was developed. Then after discussing the list with President McKinlay, it was reduced and refined to include the following:

1. The Great Apostasy
2. The Reformation
3. The Restoration
4. Joseph Smith
5. The Book of Mormon
6. The Church

During their eighteen months of service in the Arizona Tucson Mission, Elder and Sister Andrus presented each one of the topics listed above three times. Each series of lectures covered six months. After the first series, another was commenced. The

last, or third, series ended May 16, just three days before the Andruses left the mission field for home.

Each fireside consisted of a lecture from 40 to 70 minutes in duration. And, each lecture was accompanied by transparencies projected onto a screen by means of an overhead projector. Elder Andrus developed the lectures. Sister Andrus then helped him develop the transparencies. While he delivered the lectures, she placed transparencies on the projector. Lecture outlines and other related material were prepared and made available to those who attended.

Attendance at the firesides fluctuated from 25 to 60 missionaries and investigators. The average number attending over the eighteen-month period was about 45. Of the number attending any given lecture, about one third were investigators. And of investigators who attended, at least four were baptized as a result of their fireside experience. Others declared their fireside experiences to be positive. Two ladies heard the series of lectures twice. Both said they believed what they heard, but for personal reasons, couldn't or wouldn't commit to baptism. Perhaps in the future, they will join the Church.

To attend the firesides, each pair of missionaries had to bring an investigator. Frequently, missionaries would arrange for an investigator to come, then at the last minute, the investigator would back out and the missionaries would be unable to attend.

Missionaries loved the firesides. Frequently, they requested written copies of the lectures, and their requests were always honored. At this writing there are perhaps 36 copies of the investigator fireside lectures scattered throughout the Mission. This would be in addition to missionaries who have returned home with lectures they requested and received. The lectures enhanced the missionaries' knowledge of church history, and strengthened their testimonies. In this sense, the lectures helped missionaries perhaps more than they converted investigators. Nevertheless, the investigator firesides have given Elder and Sister Andrus the opportunity to participate directly in the conversion process.

(Copies of the fireside lectures may be read in the Appendix.)



## **PART SIX: AUTOBIOGRAPHIES**

### **1. Mission Presidency**

**President/Sister McKinlay  
President/Sister Andron  
President/Sister Cardon  
President/Sister Kennedy  
President/Sister Knight**

### **2. Staff Members**

**Elder/Sister Andrus  
Elder/Sister Angle  
Elder/Sister Baker  
Elder/Sister Christensen  
Elder/Sister Holdaway  
Elder/Sister Johnsen**





Couples left to right: President James and Linda Knight,  
President Douglas and Betty Jo McKinlay, and  
President Melvin and Ada Cardon



President Monty and Maria Kennedy,  
President Douglas and Betty Jo McKinlay, and  
President Robert and Royanne Andron





Back row, left to right: Beverley Johnsen, John Johnsen, Daniel Holdaway  
Front row: Sandra Holdaway



Carol and Max Angle



Couples, L to R: Val/Lynne Christensen, Ralph/Mary Ann Baker, Alyn/Gloria Andrus, Elder Gus Rodriguez, Elder Chris Beck, A.P.'s, President Douglas/Betty Jo McKinlay

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## President Douglas Robin McKinlay

I served as a missionary for the Church from September, 1962 through October, 1964, in what was then called the Western States Mission. The WSM included the portions of New Mexico and Texas that are now a part of the Arizona Tucson Mission; its boundaries stretched from Cheyenne, Wyoming to El Paso, Texas, and from Dodge City, Kansas to Vernal, Utah. During my mission I was called to several leadership positions, including what is now called the Assistant to the President. I loved my mission.

After my mission, I attended BYU where I received two degrees (BA in Communications, with minors in Marketing and English; MA in Mass Communications, with a minor in Graduate Education). While there, I met Betty Jo who had already graduated from BYU and was teaching school while attending graduate school at the University of Nevada, in Reno. We were married while I was still in school; I sold advertising for the Daily Universe (paper) and she taught school in American Fork, Utah. Our first son, Rodrick, was born while we were in graduate school — we were dorm parents in Tingey Hall (Heritage Halls) and I had a graduate assistantship. Upon graduation, we moved to the Bay Area where I worked for General Electric in San Francisco. Soon after our arrival, I was called to serve as the Elders' Quorum President in the Oakland 5<sup>th</sup> Ward.

In the Fall of 1970, we were transferred by GE to Schenectady, New York. There we had our second son, Lance; Sister McKinlay and I were very involved in the Church. I taught early a.m. Seminary, we were both counselors in the Albany, New York Stake for YM and YW, and team-taught the gospel doctrine class in our ward.

We then moved to Hartford (Bristol), Connecticut where I worked for a large advertising agency. I was called as the ward YM President, then the YM president in the Hartford CT Stake. We then moved to Simsbury, CT (same stake), where I was subsequently called to serve as the Stake Executive Secretary, then on the High Council and as a counselor to the Stake President by Elder Boyd K. Packer. I served two stake presidents for a total of six years. In January, 1980, I was called and sustained by Elders Rex C. Reeve and Hugh W. Pinnock as President of the Hartford, CT Stake, where I served for ten growing and wonderful years.

Concurrent to my release as Stake President in 1990 was my call as regional Representative in the North America Northeast Area, with my first assignment to the New York, New York Region, where I came to love and appreciate the saints. In fact, when I was set apart for that calling by Elder Robert K. Dellenbach, I received my own personal witness as to my role in the growth and development of the Church in New York City. I cannot here begin to express my appreciation for the experiences I had there. Under the leadership of Elder Cree L. Kofford, I helped organize the Bronx, New

York District and call the District Leadership. I was also involved in dissolving the New York East Stake and subsequently creating the Queens and Brooklyn Districts, and later dividing the Queens District to include the Queens and Queens West Districts — all of this in direct fulfillment of my impression when being set apart. Later I was also called to serve in the Hartford, CT, and Harrisburg, PA Regions. I was released with all Regional Representatives in 1995, and served a few months as Counselor in the New York NY North Mission (Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester County). In April 1996, Sister McKinlay and I were called to preside over the Arizona Tucson Mission.

A few thoughts on my current calling. As one might suspect, this assignment has been different — on a whole new scale — for me. It has brought so much joy into my life and the life of Sister McKinlay that once again, it is hard to express. In much the same way as one follows a new investigator through the process of change and into the waters of baptism, I have followed some 400-500 young men and women as they have gone through a similar change in their lives. The joys, the pains, the excitement, the sorrow; it has all been there and it has all been so very real. The Lord has blessed me with an incredible capacity to profoundly love so many of this generation's young people. I have also had the unpleasant task of presiding over two disciplinary councils where two young Elders have been disfellowshipped and returned home without honor.

As we now near the end of our service here, I reflect on our labors. I see growth, not as much as I would like, but growth none-the-less. I have experienced the birth and development of yet another district of the Church in Alamogordo, New Mexico, under the direction of Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen. I love the saints there so much, not unlike my experience in New York City; only in this instance I have the keys and responsibility of direct leadership.

As you can see from the above, I have had some experience in the Church. But no other calling rivals that of Mission President. It is indeed a 24-hours a day, 7-days a week calling. Perhaps I can sum up my calling in this way: On the one hand you run a small business, on the other you (according to President Faust) must interpret God for the missionaries. You need the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job, the strength of a lion and the meekness of a lamb. Fortunately for me, "whom God calls, God qualifies." Otherwise, the task is far greater than this mere mortal.

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Sister Betty Jo McKinlay  
Born September 12, 1942, Reno, Nevada

Family has been Sister McKinlay's first priority. President and Sister McKinlay were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on May 26, 1966. They have been blessed with six children: Roderick Douglas, MD, University of Utah and second year Surgery Resident at the University of Arizona; Lance Arthur, second year law student at the University of



Pennsylvania Law School working toward a JD; Clinton Boyd, B.S. in Communication from Brigham Young University, Director of Business development for a software company; Alex John, third year at West Point academy, majoring in Chemistry and Life Sciences, minoring in Electrical Engineering with a pre-med emphasis; Elizabeth Kathryn, second year in Humanities and Music at Brigham Young University; Larisa Asenath, graduating from Catalina Foothills High School in May 1999, and entering Brigham Young University as a freshman for the Fall of 1999. The McKinlay family has lived in Provo UT, Oakland CA, Scotia NY, and Simsbury CT (twenty five years), and Tucson AZ for three years presiding over the Arizona Tucson Mission.

Education has always been important to Sister McKinlay. She graduated from Sparks High School in June of 1960, from Brigham Young University in April of 1964, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Relations and Elementary Education. She earned 36 graduate hours from the University of Nevada and Brigham Young University in Guidance and Counseling and Education. She received a Master of Science in Organizational Behavior from the Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford in 1993.

A convert at the age of ten years, Sister McKinlay's testimony has always been valued as one of her greatest treasures. She loves the Gospel and has served in many callings ranging from Counselor in two Stake Relief Society Presidencies, Ward Relief Society President and Counselor and teacher, Primary President, Young Women President and Counselor, Gospel Doctrine Teacher, Seminary Teacher for three years, Stake Public Affairs Director, and full-time missionary in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

Sister McKinlay was active in community affairs serving on PTO Boards for more than seventeen years where she was President for two years, VP, Treasurer, and chairing sundry other committees. She was active with the Simsbury for Music and Performing Arts serving as chairman of the Symphony in Simsbury featuring the Hartford Symphony performing in the Simsbury Community with outstanding student soloists.

Her professional career was limited to and orchestrated around the family. After Larisa, the youngest daughter, went to school full time, Sister McKinlay returned and earned her Masters Degree and became President and Senior Consultant of YHB Consulting for two years, a firm that provided advisory services to owners of family businesses. She left for work after the children went to school and returned when they returned. She worked part time while the children were at school as the Human Resource Director of the company firm, McKinlay & Partners, and served on the Board of Directors as Treasurer from 1985-1995. Having an entrepreneurial spirit, she also formulated World Market Strategies, a spin-off company of McKinlay & Partners, as President and Managing Partner, which was formed to help small to medium size businesses formulate their domestic and international marketing strategies.

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President Melvin and Sister Ada Cardon  
Texas Counselor from 1994 to 1998

So many memories come to mind as Ada and Mel Cardon look back over the time they served in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

They were both born in the Church and with lots of pioneer heritage. Ada was born in Kenilworth, Utah, and grew up in the southern California area. Mel was born in El Paso, Texas, and grew up there, with ancestry from the Mormon Colonies in Mexico. They met in Provo, Utah in 1950 and had their first date watching BYU basketball in the Springville High gym (BYU's early version of the Marriott Center).

Mel was fortunate to be called to the Uruguayan Mission in the spring of 1951 and served in both Uruguay and Paraguay. Their romance was one of those wonderful cases where there was no competition, so after Mel returned from his mission, which lasted close to three years, they were married in the Mesa, Arizona Temple. At the time, Mel was a high draft priority (during the Korean War) and was in the Army the following month.

Their married life has taken them to all parts of the world. Mel served out his military time at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, at the military hospital there, and where their daughter, Paula, was born.

The Cardons returned to BYU where Mel finished his B.A., then went to Austin, Texas, where he did graduate work at the University of Texas. Ada worked gathering information and key punching data for a brother-in-law who was a doctoral candidate. Austin is where their son, Richard, was born.

They returned to El Paso where Mel was hired by Chevron of California and were soon transferred to Denver, Colorado. In 1966, Mel joined Cal-Tex Petroleum as an accountant in Tripoli, Libya. Those were exciting years. The Libyans took revenge for the 1967 Israeli raid on Cairo by burning down their own capitol. American wives and children were evacuated by air to Maples, Italy, but Ada and kids remained in Tripoli for the birth of James (the last baby to be born at Wheelus Air Force Base). Since Americans were blamed for the incident, it was not surprising that pro-western King Idris was overthrown in 1969 by Colonel Ghadify. In spite of this ferment, church life was wonderful as well as exciting, and kept them changing from one villa to the next so as not to cause too much attention and to keep the meetings safe. While there, Mel served as President of the Middle Mediterranean District under the Swiss Mission, with Branches in Tunis, Malta, Tripoli, Athens, and Crete. During this time Ada served in Primary and Relief Society. The family will always remember with warmth the closeness of the Saints when their testimonies were challenged by some real hardships.

After spending five years in Libya, the family was sent to Saudi Arabia where they spent three more years. The enjoyment in Saudi Arabia had to do with the friends and Church members there, not because of any happenings there.

The Cardons finally returned to the States in 1975 to El Paso and were happy to do so. They served in the Stake Sunday School until Mel was called to work as the Priest Quorum Advisor and Ada was called as the Stake Social Services Coordinator. Ada was then called to serve in Mutual with Mel and they had several years working together — it was wonderful! Mel was later called to serve as Bishop in both the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Wards of the El Paso, Texas Stake. It was a most wonderful time in their lives. The ward members were so faithful and helpful, and they will always have a special love for the members of the two wards. Mel was then called to the High Council and Ada served in the Stake Relief Society Presidency. Mel then was called as 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor in the University ward, where they enjoyed working with Young Adults.

In 1994, Mel was called to be the Texas Counselor to President Karl Loveland. President Loveland and his wife, Peggy, were great people; working with them and with Tucson Counselor Karl Fenn and his wife, Thelma, was something wonderful.

Looking forward to the arrival of a new Mission President and wife is similar to looking forward to the birth of a second baby. How could you possibly love and appreciate another as you did the first? From the first introduction to the McKinlays in July of 1996, the fears vanished. President McKinlay and Betty Jo settled in with such humility and graciousness, and they were filled with such an obvious missionary spirit, there was no doubt as to how successful they would be. The Mission was still in good hands! Mel and Ada loved every minute working with them, and were sorry when circumstances didn't permit them to serve longer, and to the completion of their mission.

Serving with the McKinlays and with the missionaries in the Arizona Tucson Mission was always a spiritual high. The Cardons will always be grateful for that special time with them, and grateful for the wonderful things they learned from them.

Vaya Con Dios, Amigos!

We love you!

Mel and Ada

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President James and Sister Linda Knight  
Tucson Counselor from 1996 to 1998

What a privilege it is for us to write a short history of our family for President and Sister McKinlay. Our association with them has enriched both of our lives and we feel blessed to have been able to serve with them for a short time in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

Linda and I grew up in northeastern Colorado, although Linda was born in Texas. We were high school sweethearts (what a miracle it was that we met with 60 kids in our high school!). We were married a short distance from the high school in 1965 in Last Chance, Colorado. We try not to read too much into that.

Our son, Brian, was born in 1966 while I was attending Colorado State University. I was majoring in Agricultural Education with the goal of being a high school agriculture teacher. During those college years, Linda worked and helped raise our little family.

Neither of us was raised in a religious family. Some of my relatives belonged to the Reorganized LDS church, and Linda's extended family were mostly Baptists and Methodists, but our immediate families rarely attended. So, many of our friends and family were quite surprised when we joined the Mormon church in May of 1967. I was nearing my first year of college when two missionaries knocked on our door. We had just begun searching for a church for our children when they came to our home. We were ready to hear their message, and we were baptized in May of that year.

In November of 1968, our daughter, Michelle, was born. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in June 1969, and took my first teaching job in Holyoke, Colorado. We lived there from July 1969 until March of 1972. Regrettably we stopped attending church during our time in Holyoke. We lived 50 miles from the nearest branch and it just became easier to not go.

I was offered a job with the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education in Denver, so we left Holyoke for greener pastures. It was a good move for us, both financially and spiritually. Through the good influence of a 14-year old LDS babysitter and a serious need to make changes in our lives, we returned to full activity in the church. We were sealed as a family in the Provo Temple on December 18, 1973. I was called to serve as Elders' Quorum President, and Linda served as President of Junior Sunday School.

In July of 1975, we moved to Columbus, Ohio, where I began work on a doctoral degree in Agricultural Education at Ohio State University. One year later I joined the faculty there and remained on staff until leaving at the end of the fall semester of 1988.

During our stay in Ohio, Linda and I held many callings in the Church. Linda served in various capacities in all the organizations, including Relief Society President on two occasions and a counselor in a Stake Relief Society. I served in a bishopric, as a Bishop, on a high council, and as a counselor in a stake presidency.

In 1988 we made a major decision to leave the University and head to Arizona. Linda's father was having serious health problems, and we felt a real need to be close to him and her mother. I had built a successful consulting business in education and could continue that work in Arizona. Our daughter, Michelle, decided to move with us, but our son, Brian, had a very good job in Cleveland and chose to stay there. It was a little difficult leaving him, but knew this was the right move for us.



Shortly after moving to Tucson, Linda was called as a Relief Society President once again, and I was called to serve on the High Council in the Tucson East Stake. After a couple of years of renting, we realized we loved living in Tucson and would be staying for awhile, so we built a home here. This took us to the north side of town and into the North Stake. I was again called to the High Council and Linda served as secretary in the Young Women's organization. A call came to me to serve as the Stake Mission President. I continued for a time to serve on the High Council. When President McKinlay began his mission, I was called to serve as his 1<sup>st</sup> counselor. My flexible schedule allowed me the time to remain as Stake Mission President also. Linda served along side me in various capacities in the Mission. Our stake was split and we were now in the newly created West Stake. I continued to serve in both callings for a period of time.

In July of 1997, we sold our home and built a new one in the Continental Ranch area of Tucson which was back in the North Stake. During this period of time, I accepted a full-time position as an Associate Professor with the University of Arizona. I was back to teaching in Agricultural education. These changes soon made it necessary for me to be released from the Arizona Tucson Mission. Since our release from the Mission, Linda has served as a Stake Young Women's secretary. After a short time on the High Council, I was called as a counselor to the Bishop of the University 1<sup>st</sup> Ward. Several months later, a new Bishop was called for our home ward, Continental Ranch, and I was called to serve as his first counselor. This is the first time in over 13 years that I have served in my own ward.

Our time serving in missionary capacities was especially rewarding for us. The spirit of missionary work has touched our lives very personally. Our daughter was married to a non-member and not attending church at all. We asked her husband if he would like to hear more about the church, and he accepted the invitation. Within two years, he was baptized, she was re-activated and they took their three little children to be sealed as a family in the Mesa Temple.

Our son and his family have since moved to Pleasant Grove, Utah. This is an answer to our prayers. He is not active in the church and his wife is not a member. However, they live in a wonderful area and have made many good friends. They are involved in some of the activities of the church, such as homemaking meetings, ward dinners, sports, and going to the cannery. We are encouraged by the missionary efforts of the members who know them and feel sure the Lord will bless them and bring them into the Gospel.

We are so grateful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how it has affected our lives for so many years. We are especially grateful for the people who have touched our lives over the years. This is particularly true of the influence we have felt from President and Sister McKinlay. Our time with them was relatively short, but extremely rewarding to us both. We wish them the very best as they leave our Mission and head to BYU and a

new chapter in their lives. Our love and prayers go with them and our thanks for their dedicated service to the missionaries and members of the Arizona Tucson Mission.

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President Robert D. and Sister Royanne Andron  
Texas Counselor from 1998 to Present

Robert was born in Peekskill, New York, on May 16, 1946, of Russian and Dutch parentage. He was reared in Fort Worth, Texas from age six weeks and moved to El Paso, Texas in 1994. Bob is a graduate of Texas A&M University, Kingsville Campus, and of the University of Houston Law School. His career has been municipal law, and his current work is as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of El Paso as a municipal law specialist and real estate attorney. Bob served six years in the United States Army, attaining the rank of Captain and command of a nuclear capable missile site in Wertheim, West Germany, between 1974-1978. Bob and Royanne are converts to the Church, having joined in West Germany, November, 1977. He is a High Priest and has served as a Counselor in a Bishopric, High Priest Group Leader, Stake Mission President, Ward Mission Leader, Seminary Teacher, and Young Men's President. Bob is married to his sweetheart, the former Royanne Fleming of Houston, Texas, and they have been blessed with three wonderful children.

Royanne (Fleming) was born in Houston, Texas, and reared there through her beginning college years. She and Bob were married in Austin, Texas on June 1, 1969. They have three children, a daughter graduating from New Mexico State University in May, 1999; a son who served a mission in the Washington Seattle Mission, who now lives in Lehi, Utah; and the youngest, another son, a junior in high school, National Honor Society member with plans to study Marine Biology. Royanne joined the Church with Bob in November 1977 in West Germany where they were living while Bob was in the Army. Her testimony can be summed up by her own words that when she was introduced to the Gospel she knew she had always known what she was being taught. Royanne loves to sew and is a great homemaker and Mother to her family. She has served in the Church as a Primary President, Young Women's President and Relief Society President.

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President Monty and Sister Maria Kennedy  
Tucson Counselor from 1998 to Present

Monty was born in Salt Lake City, the first of four children. Monty's mother was living in Marysvale, Utah, at the time because his dad was in Japan serving an isolated one year tour for the US Air Force. Monty's Grandfather Madsen tells of the mad

scramble to drive from Marysville (190 miles south of Salt Lake City) to Provo. However, a doctor wasn't available in Provo, so they frantically drove to Salt Lake City, accompanied by a police escort from Provo.

As part of a military family, Monty moved around a lot — Portland, Long Island, South Carolina, Dallas, Riverside, and Naples, Italy. But they always came back to Salt Lake City. Monty's parents were never active in the church, although they were baptized members. So Monty, his brother, and two sisters were never active. However, growing up mostly in Utah, Monty knew quite a bit about the church. He did participate in church athletics, but never regularly attended church.

Monty graduated from the University of Utah and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed in Los Angeles. While there Monty did go to church occasionally. After four years in the service, Monty moved back to Utah as an engineer for Hercules in SLC. However, Monty did not care for the cold winters, so he moved back to LA to work for Hughes.

Maria (Valdiviez) was born in Los Fresnos, Texas, which is near Brownsville, a border town to Mexico and on the Texas Gulf Coast. She is one of 8 children. Maria's mother died when she was 13, so the 8 children were raised by their father, and took care of one another.

Her best friend, Vangie, introduced her to the church, and she was baptized on Pioneer Day, July 24, 1967, when she was 22 years old. In August of 1971, she was living in Corpus Christi, Texas, and had been attending the ward there for only 3 months. As she was leaving Sacrament meeting one Sunday, her Bishop caught up with her and told her a general Authority had visited the ward, and had asked him to ask all the single, worthy members in the ward to go on missions. He said, "You are in that category." He told her to fast and pray and let him know her decision the following Sunday. The only hard part of making up her mind was that her father, a staunch Catholic, would be vehemently opposed to it, mainly because he was very concerned for her safety and could not understand why she would not get paid.

Maria remembers him pointing a finger at her and saying, "You are going to come back in a coffin and I'm going to bury you for going off with that church of yours." She was very worried about "the curse" (Catholic belief), but her Stake President blessed her when he set her apart and told her the Lord would come to her aid and would protect her from all harm if she would be faithful and keep all the mission rules. As it turned out, her father died and was buried on a Saturday and Maria entered the mission home the following Tuesday, but she knows her father is aware that she is still on earth and doing fine. Maria served in the Andes Peru Mission for 19 months. The Lord did protect her from all harm, except for being attacked by two huge German Shepherds (the maid of the home they were visiting disobeyed her employer and did not lock up the dogs). She brought back a scarred thigh from the dog's bite, but it serves as a good reminder of the Lord's blessings, as the wound healed almost instantly and there was no infection.

Maria lived in Los Angeles after her mission and worked for Hughes Aircraft Company for almost 20 years.

Maria and Monty were married in 1983 in Culver City (an LA suburb). They met while attending the Santa Monica Singles 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. Just before moving from LA to Tucson in 1985, Monty went to the LA temple for his own endowments, and they were sealed in the Los Angeles Temple. They have no children.

Since then, Monty's testimony has continued to grow, and in the last seven years, he has been active in the church. Both Monty and Maria have served in many church positions. Currently, Maria is serving as Relief Society President and Monty is serving as Ward Mission Leader in the Sunrise Ward, Tucson Stake. Maria has also served in the Primary program, Young Women's President, Stake YW presidency, Stake athletics, and as a seminary instructor. Monty has served in Stake athletics, Elder's quorum presidency, Sunday School president, High Councilor, and in a Bishopric.

Monty is also currently serving as a counselor in the Arizona Tucson Mission to President McKinlay. His duties include attending the mission office staff meetings, attending ZLCM, monthly training of the missionaries who are receiving new missionaries fresh out of the MTC, conducting 2<sup>nd</sup> baptism interviews when President McKinlay is out of town, meeting with Tucson-based Stake Mission Presidents to coordinate missionary efforts in Tucson. Maria helps provide the meals at the monthly ZLCM's, and attends these meetings with Monty.

In 1985, the Kennedys transferred to Tucson with Hughes Aircraft Company. They love the desert, beautiful saguaros, gorgeous sunsets, and warm, sunny winters. They are desert rats, but do like to get away during the summer and escape to Southern Utah when the desert becomes a furnace. Tucson is a great place to live!!

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Elder Alyn B. Andrus  
Fleet Administrator

November 12, 1997 to May 12, 1999

I was born December 15, 1931 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The winter was fierce with snow, wind, and sub-zero temperatures, and I entered this new environment reluctantly. At birth, after failing to induce breathing, the doctor told my father, "Sorry, Reed. I'm afraid we've lost him." At that moment, I gasped, and have been gasping ever since. God knew I had this history to write and gave my spirit a gentle nudge.

I was raised, with eight other honest, hard-working children, in Ucon, Idaho on a seventy-acre farm. My father also owned a truck with which he hauled grain into Utah and brought coal back from the mines near Price. I went with him on many of these trips, helping him stay awake. Working with Dad on the truck and farm taught me to work hard and be responsible at an early age. By ten years, I was plowing with a heavy tractor pulling a three-bottom plow. By eleven years, I was driving the truck, hauling grain from a thresher to a mill in Ucon six miles away. By the time I was fifteen, I managed the farm alone for periods of time while Dad was away from home, usually engaged in work for the state of Idaho. The hardest I remember having worked was stacking hay in July, sweating profusely, pushing one Jackson fork full of hay after another over the stack all day. But I was young, and the work made me strong. It would be a blessing in my life.

I made my way through Ucon Elementary, Junior High and High Schools. I was taught by excellent teachers with solid values, and my friends honored gospel teachings received in their homes. I was quarterback on the Ucon High School six man football team (playing six man football is not an experience most can claim). I was catcher on the baseball team. And I knocked out one of my best friends in a boxing match at a school athletic carnival. After that match, I never put on a pair of boxing gloves, and came to regard the sport as brutal.

I graduated from high school in 1950. The Korean War was in full rage. I passed my pre-draft tests with flying colors, and was waiting to be drafted into the army, but the summons never came. The bishop said, "Alyn, if you're not going to be called into the Army, I'll recommend you for a mission." He did and I served two years in the Southwest Indian Mission, covering Arizona and New Mexico. My second area of labor was in Sells, sixty miles south and west of Tucson, where I met a cute little girl who, four years later, became my wife. I've always felt the marriage was made in heaven and we were brought together by the Spirit. Forty-three years later, God called us to serve in the Arizona Tucson Mission as the office couple. This put us in Tucson, just sixty miles from where we met. Serving in the ATM together, then, helped close the circle. And we have loved the experience.

In the meantime, I attended Ricks College, Brigham Young University and Idaho State University. Gloria helped me through school at B.Y.U. and I.S.U. When I graduated from I.S.U. in 1966, I had a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in History.

I taught in Bonneville Junior High School, and then in Bonneville High School near Idaho Falls. I never had a bad day in my high school teaching career. I loved the students, and they seemed to like me. Nevertheless, I applied for a teaching position at Ricks College and was hired in 1968. I taught at Ricks for 29 years, and loved every day of that experience.



After graduating from B.Y.U., Gloria and I applied to teach in the Church College of Western Samoa. We were hired by the Pacific Board of Education in 1959 and spent 2.5 years in that island paradise. In Samoa, we started our family by adopting a thirteen-month old child we named Daniel. Six years later, we brought into our home Daniel's older brother, Steve. We adopted Steve twelve years later, when he was old enough to make that decision.

When we returned from Samoa, we brought with us a fifteen-year old Samoan girl named Emmeline. She graduated from Bonneville High School, attended B.Y.U. and went on a mission to Samoa. She later married and gave birth to a boy named Alyn. He is currently serving a mission in Panama.

Both boys, Daniel and Steve, served proselyting missions. Daniel served in Samoa and Steve in the Arizona Holbrook Mission (the old Southwest Indian Mission). He labored in Peach Springs where I had labored previously. While on his mission he succeeded in having a little eight-year old Apache Indian girl named Diana sent to us. We became her legal guardians. She lived with us for ten years before returning to Cibecue on the Apache Indian Reservation in central Arizona.

Both Daniel and Steve, with their wives, Liz and Eleena, have beautiful, talented children. We are proud to claim them as grandchildren.

During my teaching career at Ricks College, Gloria and I gave a home to Christa from Germany and Jose from the Mauritius Islands off the east coast of Africa. Christa was with us for a school year. Jose was with us for a semester. They communicate with us regularly.

Since I married Gloria, I've served in a branch presidency, in a bishopric for eight years, as a bishop twice for a combined period of ten years, and on a high council three times for a combined period of thirteen years.

Everything I have worth talking about, I have because of the Church. The Church has given me my wife, my family, and my heritage. I have nothing but fond memories of my life, and particularly my life with Gloria. I would not trade that life with anyone, nor would I trade it for anything. I'm glad God nudged my spirit 67 years ago last December.

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Sister Gloria G. Andrus

Mission Secretary

November 12, 1997 to May 12, 1999

Even though I have lived in other places for the past 43 years, Arizona is my ancestral home. I was born in the White Mountains (Plenty, Apache County, to be exact, on June 25, 1936), but met my husband (Elder Alyn B. Andrus) as a young missionary in 1951 at Sells, on the Papago Reservation (now Tohono O'odam Nation).

We were married on June 8, 1955 in the Mesa Temple. When we received our call to come to the Arizona Tucson Mission for 18 months, we both felt as though we had been called home.

But, to back up a bit. My Grandfather Goodman had a sawmill on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest from 1924 to 1944. My dad, Lloyd, helped him run the sawmill, so that is essentially where my brothers and I grew up — about six miles south of Vernon on the dirt road which leads to McNary. I graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Vernon, and attended Round Valley and Flagstaff High Schools, finally graduating from Mesa High in 1954.

After Alyn graduated from BYU, he taught school for a year in Idaho Falls and then, in June of 1959, we sailed for Western Samoa. At the Church College of Western Samoa, he taught history and geography, and I served as Secretary to the Principal. It was there I learned to be comfortable riding a motor scooter. (We now each have a Honda motorcycle.) I would take the school scooter in to Apia to pick up mail for the school and all the school teachers any time we heard mail had arrived — either by ship or plane. We came to love the Samoan people as much as we did our Hispanic and Native American friends. In fact, we adopted a toddler while there — Daniel. Steve came to live with us after we returned to the States, and we finally adopted him when he was in his early 20's. We did not adopt Emmie, but cared for her from the time she was 16. She lived with us in Samoa and Idaho. She served a mission in Samoa Apia, Steve served in Arizona Holbrook, and Daniel served in Samoa Apia. While Steve was serving in Cibecue, Arizona, he met a young Apache princess named Dianna. She came to live with us when she was 8 years old, and was with us for the next 11 years. There's no genetic way we could ever have a blonde grandchild.

As Alyn taught school in various places, I worked as a secretary, and began taking college courses during the evening hours. Later I became a paralegal, then the Assistant to the President of a large engineering firm, and in August of 1961 I was appointed Registrar of Ricks College. I served in that position for 16 years until I retired in June of 1997. I finally earned my Associate Degree from Ricks while serving as Registrar; faculty members were very demanding of me as a student in retaliation for nagging them to get their grades in on time.

My LDS roots began in 1835 with the baptism of Grandmother Smoot in Kentucky. Her daughter, Nancy, my second great-grandmother, smoked a corn cob pipe all her life, and complained that the tobacco raised in Utah was inferior to that which they had raised in Kentucky. As a practicing Mormon, I've held many church callings over the years — usually several at the same time. On the Ward level, I've worked mostly in Young Women, but loved my year in the nursery. I've also produced Sunday bulletins and monthly ward newsletters several different times. On the Stake level, I served as Stake Laurel Advisor, Stake Young Women's President, Stake Public Communications Director, Stake Girls Camp Director, and for the five years



immediately preceding my retirement, I served on the Stake Relief Society Board of the Ricks College Third Stake as advisor to various ward Relief Societies.

My claim to fame with my extended families is that I researched, compiled, wrote, and published two family history books — one for the Rothlisberger family (my mom) and one for the Goodman family (my dad). Because most family members contributed stories and photos, these were very bonding experiences.

Alyn and I entered the Senior MTC on November 12, 1997 for training as office missionaries. It was a wonderful ten day experience, which was made even better by sharing the experience with our “grandson” Alyn “T” (Emmie’s son), going to Panama City, Panama. We arrived in Tucson with our 10-year old cat, Remington Steele, on Monday, November 24, 1997, and hurriedly moved into our apartment (#E-15) at the Rio Vista Apartments at 2000 E. River Road, within walking distance of the mission office. On Tuesday morning, Alyn rode the transfer van with Elder John Johnsen for transfer day, while I was familiarized in the office by Sister Beverley Johnsen. That night we supervised the trainers’ dinner at the institute, and the following day participated in orientation meetings for new missionaries. We acted like we knew what we were doing, but wondered what in the world had hit us. The following day was Thanksgiving; we had our Thanksgiving feast at JB’s Restaurant on Oracle Road.

Three weeks after arriving in Tucson, our new Explorer was stolen from the parking area in Rio Vista. In January of 1999, Alyn’s bike (which earlier belonged to Elder Jason Pyles) was stolen from the bike enclosure. We are discouraged at how “slippery” possessions seem to be down here.

As I write this account in March 1999, I marvel at how quickly the months have flown by. We have grown to love and appreciate President and Sister McKinlay, all of the very talented members of the Mission Presidency, the overly-qualified mission office staff, all of the AP’s we have worked with, and, of course, the individual missionaries.

This will probably not be our last mission.

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Elder Max M. Angle and Sister Carol Jarmon Angle  
Fleet Coordinator/Advisor  
March 1993 to February 1998

The Angles are natives of Arizona and were raised in Phoenix. For part of their early life they were in the same ward, Phoenix Third Ward, which was only one ward of six at that time! (1893?!) Phoenix had a population under 200K, and the desert areas brought in people with TB for living and recovery.

Carol’s family moved to the Scottsdale area when she was still in grammar school, so Max never really knew her. When Max returned from his mission in West Germany in 1951, he became acquainted with his wife-to-be, and they were married in 1953. He

was still in school at the time, and Carol provided the income for the senior year for his studies in science and agronomy.

Max worked in the agricultural chemical industry for Shell Chemical, DuPont, Gulf Oil, and BASF Corporation. This took the family to San Francisco, Sacramento, Oklahoma City, Denver, Kansas City, New Jersey, Raleigh, and finally back home to Arizona in late 1992. Along the way, four daughters and one son joined the family — the last one in 1972.

Good fortune did smile on Max when he assumed his job with BASF, an international chemical company. He had the opportunity of establishing their marketing and sales group in the U.S., which grew to some \$800 million at this writing.

Living in “the mission field” for most of their married life gave them great opportunities for church service. Carol was president of most auxiliaries, taught seminary, deeply involved in music and supported her husband in his service. Max served as Elders Quorum President, a president of the Seventies (local, not general — yes, there were Seventies in “those days”), on four different high councils, stake missionaries, nine years as branch president and bishop, nearly six years as First Counselor in a stake presidency, stake mission president, and upon retiring to Tucson, a bishopric member, high council, ward executive secretary, stake clerk, and executive secretary to Elder J. Michael Moeller, Area Authority Seventy.

In March of 1993, Max volunteered to work with President James Mangum in the Arizona Tucson Mission office, as fleet coordinator, reports and special projects. Carol joined him a few months later. The Church’s computer capabilities were quite limited at that time, so much effort was devoted to keeping local computer programs up to speed to provide information to the presidents. President Karl Loveland and his wife arrived in July of 1993, and three years later, President Douglas and Betty Jo McKinlay. Although church service missions usually last 18 to 24 months (when “properly” called), they felt as “walk-ons,” they could serve as long as they could. The “could” time arrived in February 1998, after five years of enjoyable service.

In their “extra retirement time,” Carol participates in a local music group, loves sewing, crafts, and gardening. Max sold his horse after four years and is now attempting to polish some golf skills. They built a new home in the Tucson foothills in 1993, and purchased a new home in Pinetop, Arizona in 1998. Now they have the best of all worlds and climates.

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Elder L. Ralph Baker  
Financial Secretary  
November 1, 1998 to Present

I was born September 23, 1932, in Lawrence, Kansas to Ralph Doris Baker (born in Teton City, Idaho) and Erma Alberta Egan (born in South Bountiful, Utah). Dad was attending Kansas University working toward his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. I was the second of two children. My sister, Maryan, was born almost exactly three years to the day before me on September 21, 1929.

In about 1934, Dad moved the family to Pasadena where he obtained his Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering at Cal Tech. Moving to Salt Lake City in 1937, we lived with my Grandmother Egan at 2633 Beverly Street since Dad had accepted a position with the University of Utah Mechanical Engineering Faculty.

We lived at Grandmother Egan's until July 1941, when Mom and Dad bought a house at 1065 East 300 South in Salt Lake City, much closer to the University. It was at this house in December 1941, that I remember being alarmed by paper boys out in the street yelling, "EXTRA, EXTRA," when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We lived at 1065 until September 1943 when the folks bought a new house up the road at 1231 East 300 South. Here I got arrested for disturbing the peace. I modified an antique radio from the 20's or 30's into a PA system. I positioned the radio so the speaker was facing out the second story window, and I obtained a long cord for the microphone passed to the sidewalk, and started interviewing people as they came along — my first man-on-the-street radio program. An old biddie lived on the north side of us on Douglas Street, and she called the police! I was about 12 years old.

After graduating from Stewart in June 1947, I went to East High School. My only extracurricular activity at East was the Radio Club that developed because of my sister, Maryan. She was three years ahead of me, and was in college taking radio and drama. It sounded great to me!

In December of 1948, Mom and Dad shocked the family by selling the house at 1231. We moved in with Grandma again while they found one at 983 South 13<sup>th</sup> East. It was close to East High, and had a neat family room in the basement — at least 40 feet long. It made a great echo chamber!

After graduating from high school, I entered the University of Utah, intent upon following in my sister's footsteps with a goal of getting a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, majoring in radio and the new field of television.

In August of 1950, I went to work at KSL-TV, Channel 5, as a TV cameraman. I worked there while going to school, and in August of 1952 was shocked to receive a letter of greetings from the United States Government inviting me to be a part of the

exciting United States Army. I respectfully declined and requested a one-year's postponement since I was attending college at the time. But one year later when the postponement expired, I requested active duty in the Navy. I was in the Navy Reserve then.

It was about this time that a pretty young thing started working for Margaret Masters — one of our kitchen-type TV personalities. We dated a few times, but nothing serious. We went together off and on for about six years.

1952 was a year of serious illness as I contracted the dread disease, polio. It was the Bulbar type — known for putting people into iron lungs! I was really blessed; the only paralysis I suffered was around the right side of my mouth.

I entered the Navy at Treasure Island, San Francisco, on October 10, 1953, and served aboard the US Navy destroyer Brinkley Bass, DD887, which was stationed in San Diego. I became a radar man.

I was released from active duty on September 15, 1955. On my way home, I picked up something I had dreamed of for 18 months — a brand-new 1955 Austin-Healey sports car. I had scrimped and saved all I could while in the Navy, and had some money in the bank from the sale of my old 1948 Chevy Fleetwood, plus some additional money I borrowed from my Dad. I was in hog heaven with that car!

My dating was very limited. I took Mary Ann and one or two other girls out, but it seemed whenever I really wanted to do something, Mary Ann was the only girl I wanted to be with. It seemed that we were destined to get together, as though we had been promised to each other. I shocked myself by asking her to marry me in August 1957. She shocked me by saying, 'Yes.' We were married on Valentine's Day 1958 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Our first child, Gordon, was born June 25, 1960 in Salt Lake City. I had returned to the University of Utah to study Electrical Engineering in 1958. I graduated in June 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and was hired by Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

On January 17, 1964, another super event happened in my life — I was enabled to attend the Daddy-Daughter dinners. Our second child, Susan, was born in Glendale Memorial Hospital (a native Californian, for what that's worth). We moved to Tucson where I took a Research Associate position with the University of Arizona Optical Sciences Center in November 1968.

In 1982, I decided to seek other employment again, and secured a job at Hughes in Tucson where I worked in a test equipment department designing and building test equipment for testing missiles and missile electronic boards. I later transferred to the Optics Department, where I worked on various optical test equipment projects. I could see that Hughes was positioning itself to be sold, so I opted to retire in December 1995, hanging up my slide rule for good.

LDS Church assignments: Sunday School Teacher Development Teacher, Assistant Explorer Advisor, Class 14/15 Teacher, Gospel Doctrine Teacher, Bishopric Executive Secretary, Bishopric 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor, Bishopric 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor, Ward Emergency Preparedness Specialist, Stake Missionary, Stake Employment Specialist, Stake Audio/Visual Specialist, Stake Sunday School President, full-time missionary serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission as the Financial Secretary, and, of course — Home Teacher.

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Sister Mary Ann Baker  
Referral Secretary  
November 1, 1998 to Present

What about Mary Ann Baker! I was born of goodly parents, Austin Moyle and Mary Louise Evans Moyle, at the Murray Utah Birthing Home. I am the first of five siblings — four daughters and one son.

I grew up mostly in Pleasant Grove, Utah, where I went to school. After high school graduation, I attended Brigham Young University. When I found I couldn't get a job that would pay me enough income to cover my expenses, I moved to Salt Lake City to live with my Great-Aunt Minerva Woodard Spanger. We all called her Nanty. She was very good to me and helped me in every way she could. I attended the University of Utah and studied Nutrition and Home Economics.

I found a job at KSL-TV working, among other things, on live television shows. It paid my expenses to school. While there I met and worked with a wonderful man by the name of Lynn McKinlay. He was very well known and loved. He wrote books and had a speaking voice that compared to none that I know of. This fact will become more interesting as you learn more about my life.

L. Ralph Baker was also working his way through the University of Utah at KSL-TV. We met there and later married. What a great match! However, Ralph completed his first university degree and his time in the Navy before our marriage in the Salt Lake Temple. During that time I worked as the receptionist for the Presiding Bishopric of the Church of Latter-day Saints, and for Ezra Taft Benson at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., prior to his becoming the President of the LDS Church. What an experience.

After Ralph and I married, I worked for United Airlines in the reservation department at the Salt Lake Airport. While there we started our family. When Gordon was born, we wanted to keep Mother in the home. We didn't have a child for some one else to raise. About that time my mother introduced me to the idea of having my own Shaklee business in my home and still be able to bring in the money we needed to help keep Ralph in school where he was working on another university degree in Electrical



Engineering. What a blessing both the in-home business and the degree turned out to be; they changed our life's direction.

Ralph received the finest job offer of his graduation class and we moved our business and the family to La Canada, California. While there we were blessed with a beautiful baby girl we named Susan. Later Ralph was asked to come to the University of Arizona in Tucson to set up the Optical Science Department's new laboratories. He said yes and we moved our business and family to Tucson where we have lived ever since.

I find it hard to tell about just my life story because Ralph and I are one. However, I will say that our love for our Heavenly Father has kept us Christ-centered. I have been the Work Director in Relief Society, First Counselor in the Stake Primary, Stake Laurel Leader, Stake Mia Maid Leader, Junior Sunday School Coordinator and Stake Junior Sunday School Leader for years and years. I have been a teacher in many organizations; the one I enjoyed most was that of the teacher of the Social Relations in Relief Society. As a couple, we served a two-year Stake Mission in the Tucson East Stake. I enjoy attending the Temple. Ralph and I am now serving a full-time mission for the Church. I am now surrounded by outstanding people and enjoying growth, both personal and spiritual because of my blessing as the Secretary of Media Referrals at the Arizona Tucson Mission. The son of my friend, Lynn McKinlay, is our Mission President, Douglas McKinlay.

We are empty-nesters. Our children are accomplished and have their own families and have married very well. We couldn't have hand-picked any better spouses for our children. We have four grandsons and two granddaughters, they are all healthy and bright and beautiful and living close to the Lord. At this writing, our whole family is on track to be an "Eternal Family." "How blessed is my life!!"

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Elder F. Val and Sister Lynne Davis Christensen  
Mission Apartment Coordinators  
May 10, 1997 to Present

We were both born and raised on farms around Shelley, Idaho. We dated before Val went on his first mission to Sydney, Australia, in 1955. Lynne had fun waiting. We were married in the Idaho Falls temple in 1958, and started for Logan, Utah, the very next day after the reception. Five years and three children later, Val graduated from Utah State University with a degree in Tool and Manufacturing Engineering. His first job was at the FMC Corporation in California. Two and a half years later, we got the desired job with IBM Corporation and moved to Longmont, Colorado. Now with four children, we were an asset to a struggling branch of the Church. We were the first of many IBM families to move there. The branch was the largest in the church because all

the District leadership came from these families. Val was a district counselor and later a Stake counselor. Finally a ward was created and soon divided. In 1973 Val was made Bishop of the Longmont Second Ward. Our life was very full of Church, camping, sports, and trips mainly back to Idaho. We lived on 13 acres. raised beef, chickens, a big garden, and good kids. In 1978, IBM built a plant in Tucson and 35 families from the Ward moved. Christensens held out until the release as Bishop came and then made the move to get back on track, career-wise.

In Tucson, Val took up the calling of high counselor again, and Lynne always Young Women until the call to be Bishop came again. This time to the Institute ward at the university. What a fun calling. We had parties, weddings, receptions, and boarders at our house all the time. One such was a foreign exchange student for ten months. We visited him when we went to England to pick up the last of our three missionary sons. We adopted a second girl out of high school and trying to get on a mission, which she did. So, now the kids total five and the weddings occupied our lives so much that Lynne found herself in the wedding business. Wish we had kept a journal of all the weddings we decorated, did flowers for, had in our yard, and attended over the years. Finally the nest was empty and IBM wanted the "oldies" to retire. We did, put in mission papers and served an 18 month office mission in Anchorage, Alaska. This is the life — service, service, service. We took time out to tend Lynne's dying father and build a new, smaller house. One setback this part year was when Val rode a scaffold crushing down and destroyed his right knee. We hope it still improves. In the meantime, we are serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission. Our five children and spouses, fifteen grandchildren, and Lynne's mom hate to hear it, but know we are getting antsy to be off on another full-time mission.

That about brings us up to now. We love helping in whatever way we can to further the Lord's kingdom here in Tucson, as the ATM's first-ever Apartment Coordinators.

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Daniel O. Holdaway  
Financial Secretary  
May 1996 - November 1998

I was born November 16, 1938 in Deweyville, Utah, a small farming community in northern Utah about eighty miles north of Salt Lake City. I lived on a small farm with my family which consisted of my parents, two brothers and two sisters. My younger years were spent enjoying the freedom of space both on the farm and on the Wasatch Mountains next to the farm. I attended elementary school in Deweyville as well as church. School would dismiss early on Tuesday afternoon and we would all walk to the church building for primary.



The next step in my education was to attend Bear River High School near Garland, Utah. The high school students in the northern part of Box Elder County would ride a bus to school. During this time in my life, my brothers and I did most of the farm work while our father was away from home much of the time doing construction work. We also did farm work for many of the neighbors in the area. The job that I enjoyed least was thinning beets. During my early high school years, our family purchased our first tractor and much of the farm work became less time consuming and easier to do.

After graduation from high school, I attended Weber State College for two years before serving a mission in the Brazilian South Mission for two and one half years. During the time that I was serving in Brazil, the Language Training Mission was started and some of my last companions had received language training before arriving in the mission field.

Upon returning from my mission, I attended Weber State College briefly, and then left for military service where I was trained in artillery survey and fire direction control. When discharged from active military duty, I again resumed my studies and began searching for employment as graduation time approached. About one month before graduation, Sandra and I were married.

Soon after marriage and graduation, I started working for IBM. We moved to Poughkeepsie, New York. From there we were transferred to Boulder, Colorado. We later moved to Tucson, Arizona where we now live. Most of my time at IBM was spent in the design and development of hardware for new computer systems for businesses.

During my life I have served in many different callings in the church including the following: Sunday School Teacher, Elders Quorum President, Young Men's President, Branch Clerk, Branch President's Counselor, Bishop's Counselor, Ward Sunday School President, Stake Sunday School President, High Priests Group Instructor, Webelos Leader, Ward Clerk, Bishop, High Councilor (three times), and Stake Clerk (three times).

We are the parents of five children. We also have four grandchildren. Our son Dale served a mission in the Guatemala, Guatemala City Mission. He and his wife Kimberly live in Farmington Hills, Michigan, where he is employed by Ford Motor Company. They have a daughter and a son. Our son Michael served a mission in the Argentina, Rosario Mission. He and his wife Lisa live in Chandler, Arizona where he worked first for Deloitte and Touche, and is now working for ASM Lithography. They have a daughter and a son. Our daughter Susan graduated from BYU and is living with us at present. Danelle and Kevan are currently attending Brigham Young University.

We were called to serve in the Arizona Tucson Mission office in May 1996. We served a brief time with President and Sister Karl Loveland until their release. We continued serving with President and Sister Douglas McKinlay until we were released on November 1, 1998. We served in the ATM for two and one half years. I served as the

financial secretary. During this time two of our children served missions also. Our son Kevan served in the Philippines, Naga Mission and our daughter served in the Guatemala, Quetzaltenango Mission.

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Sandra Holdaway  
Referral Secretary  
May 1996 - November 1998

I was born in Brigham City, Utah on September 29, 1944. I am the second child in a family of eleven children. I have five brothers and five sisters. I was raised on a farm five miles north of Brigham City. One of my fond memories is working on the farm with my father. I helped with milking cows, hauling hay, and weeding sugar beets. I enjoyed the growing up years with my family. Much of our time was spent at home, but we enjoyed an occasional trip to Driggs, Idaho where my mother was born. My father was born in Harper Ward where we lived. He served as the bishop of our ward for the first fourteen years of my life. During this time Elder Spencer W. Kimball came to dedicate the Harper Ward Chapel. We always attended church. Sacrament meeting was held in the evening to accommodate the farmers. I remember my parents bearing their testimonies every fast and testimony meeting. This greatly influenced my own testimony and commitment to the gospel as I grew older. I enjoyed attending church and participating in the various classes. Mother was my Primary teacher and my father taught me in Sunday school after he was released as Bishop. We always had home evening and family prayers morning and night.

I enjoyed participating in ward road shows and choir. I especially enjoyed playing on the girls softball team. I also enjoyed ice skating, roller skating, and riding a bicycle.

As I grew up in a small ward, there were many opportunities to serve in the church from a young age. We were taught to never turn down a church calling. My first church calling came at the age of twelve. I was called to serve as MIA secretary, a position I held for five years. I taught children of various ages in the Primary and Sunday School and played the piano or organ for various church meetings.

I attended school in Brigham City along with my sisters and brothers. We rode the bus to school. I enjoyed elementary school. I remember the fun we had playing in the snow. There was a big storm while I was in second grade which blew down our barn and some large poplar trees. School was dismissed early and when I didn't see the bus as usual, I walked home with a friend and her brother. I graduated from Box Elder High School, after which I attended Weber State College and took business classes. I was hired as a secretary at Box Elder High School where I worked for two years. I enjoyed the faculty and especially working with the students.

I met Dan shortly after beginning college. He had recently returned home from his mission. We began dating before he left for military duty. I was employed when he returned home, and we again dated while I worked and he finished college. We were married on May 6, 1965 in the Logan Temple.

We lived in Brigham City for several months. When the opportunity to work for IBM came Dan accepted the job and we moved to Poughkeepsie, New York, where we lived for the next nine months. We enjoyed sight seeing while there and made new friends. We both served in the MIA during this time. Dan was then transferred to Boulder. We lived in Longmont, Colorado for the next twelve years. Our five children, Dale, Michael, Susan, Danelle, and Kevan were born during this time. We bought our first home, and enjoyed making improvements on it. Dan finished the basement. We planted trees, bushes, and a garden. I did a lot of canning. We enjoyed picnics and camping and also made many trips to Utah to see our family during this time. We served in the church and enjoyed family and friends.

During this time I served in many callings in the church but I served mostly in the Primary, and as ward organist or pianist in the various organizations, and was a visiting teacher. I served as Primary president and in the stake Primary presidency.

When the opportunity came to move to Tucson, Arizona with IBM, we were ready and excited to come. It has brought many new friends and experiences to our family. We haven't missed the snow much, and have come to love the desert. During this time, Alexander Benally, an Indian placement student, became a part of our family for three years.

Tucson is home to our children. We have been here for twenty-one years. All of our children attended Donaldson Elementary School, Cross Junior High School, and graduated from Canyon Del Oro High School. After high school they have all attended BYU where three of them have graduated and two are currently attending.

While in Tucson I served as Primary president again, as well as ward organist and pianist for the various organizations and as a visiting teacher. Most of my church service in Tucson has been in the Relief Society Presidency. I served with three different presidents, then served as a teacher, and finally as president. I am currently serving as Relief Society pianist.

I was employed by the CES as a secretary for Canyon Del Oro High School seminary for four years prior to serving in the ATM.

Our call to serve in the Arizona Tucson Mission has brought many rich blessings, experiences, and friends to our lives. We enjoyed being involved in missionary work and serving with all of the missionaries in the ATM. I enjoyed my calling as referral secretary and learned much.

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Elder John H. Johnsen

Fleet Coordinator

May 29, 1996 to November 29, 1997

I, John, being born of goodly parents, take pen in hand to inform generations to come of some of the facts of ME. Born in 1925 in the City of Melbourne, State of Florida, I do furnish the following information: Departed Florida when a very young person — probably between 1 and 2 years of age. We settled in Colorado with my parents in a small town called Lyons at the foot of the Mighty Rockies and at the entrance to Estes Park. Shortly after arriving in this bustling small town, my parents were divorced, and I, along with my sister, remained there with our mother. Within a few years (approximately 8) my sister and I moved to Santa Barbara, California to live with my father and step-mother. We lived in Santa Barbara until the spring of 1942, at which time I felt the need to defend my country against the “Yellow Hordes” from Japan. (Ergo: WWII had started.) I joined when I was 16 years and 4 months old. This was pushing the age limits a little as the legal age was 17 as the time before you enter into contracts with the services. A little “white lie” about my age was sufficient, however, and I was enlisted.

In December of 1945 I was at last discharged from the US Navy and returned home to Santa Barbara and to my parents and sister. I won't bother going into the hair-raising adventures that I had whilst in the Pacific Theatre of operations. Suffice it to say that I emerged unscathed.

Shortly after my return to Santa Barbara, I met my wife-to-be on a blind date. I had been “fixed-up” by my future brother-in-law, though we didn't know that this would happen at the time. Beverley and I hit it off pretty well on that date, so subsequent dates followed until our marriage in 1947. In 1949, after having banded around doing various jobs, (I) we decided that perhaps a career in the Navy would not be too bad an idea, so I reenlisted in the service to spend the next 20 some odd years.

Our first child, a son, was born in Santa Barbara while I was in Hawaii on duty. Beverley joined me shortly after Wayne was born and we lived in Hawaii until 1950. We were transferred to Winter Harbor, Maine, for duty in the fall of 1951. In January of 1952, I was notified that my father had terminal cancer and after requesting and being granted a transfer to San Diego, we moved there in early 1951. My father passed away in May of that same year. The subsequent years passed and we transferred from one duty station to another until 1968, at which time I elected to retire from the Navy. Prior to this time, however, our church careers began. Beverley joined and was baptized into the Church in June of 1950, in, of all places, Honolulu. The missionaries tried to get me to join, but I had other fish to fry at the time, so I held out until 1965 and was baptized in, of all places, Kodiak, Alaska. After retirement, we moved to Provo where I began my

college education at BYU. Six years and many grades (some good, some bad) later, I graduated in Education. I taught Junior high school in Salt Lake City for the next 15 years. Reaching the ripe old age of 62, I figured it was time to retire, so I did. Beverley, who had worked at BYU from my first year there hung in until September of 1989 and she retired from that institution. We continued living in Orem for the next 4 years, at which time we moved to Bullhead City, Arizona. Not a particularly good move. We kept up our church work and requested that we be allowed to work in the Las Vegas Temple, about 100 miles away.

We loved our work in the Temple, but found it quite a chore to drive home after we had completed two shifts of work. We talked a lot on our trips back and forth, and suddenly decided that perhaps a mission for the church would be good. We prayed about it, and put our home in Bullhead up for sale; suddenly it sold. We immediately submitted our papers through the bishop to go on a mission, and about two months later received a call to the California Riverside Mission. This was great and we were excited about that call. To kind of finish things up, we took a trip to Antigo, Wisconsin where our middle daughter lived. (By this time, we had four children, three of which were girls.) On returning home we found our answering machine blinking with messages from the Mission Office in Salt Lake City and also our Stake President. Seems that we weren't needed in Riverside any longer, so we could just about pick our choice of missions. We asked for a selection list and chose the Arizona Tucson Mission. After completing our week in the Senior MTC in Provo, we drove to Tucson. We arrived on June 10, 1996 and began training. Beverley was to be the President's secretary, the Mission Secretary, and many other jobs that continued to turn up. My chores involved being the "car czar" in charge of 57 mission vehicles, keeping track of the commissary (church related items, etc.) keeping track of the "beepers" that we ultimately decided to use rather than telephones. Seemed the Elders/Sisters were somewhat abusing the telephone system currently in place — pagers solved that problem. In July, the new President arrived on the scene and we had to say good-bye to the old President. I'm absolutely sure that ALL Mission Presidents are chosen by revelation, because I have yet to meet one that wasn't absolutely the greatest. With a new Mission President and a new office couple, we were in for some rocky times. Fortunately for all concerned, a local couple had been called on a Stake mission and had been in the office a little longer than we. They were the Holdaways (Sandra and Dan). He had the unenviable task of being financial clerk. Many headaches. Also on a somewhat part-time mission were the Angles. Max was invaluable as a resource for the automobiles we had in the mission. Sister Angle took care of all the baptisms which were taking place within the mission. Sister Holdaway had charge of the referrals that arrived daily by way of computer. This was quite a job in and of itself and she did a great job. The entire mission staff were (and are) the greatest and we certainly miss them.



One of the great highlights of our mission was the party that Sister McKinlay, in conjunction with two of our daughters, arranged for us on our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We had a wonderful time with all of the guests who had been invited. Most from the Sunrise Ward, all of whom we love dearly. Many tears flowed that evening as we sat around "stroking each other's egos." What a wonderful memory that has left with us. The next greatest highlight was on our farewell dinner at the Mission Home. All the Elders/Sisters leaving the next day were there for their farewell dinner and what a great group of young men and women they are. With that sort of leadership coming up, the country will survive.

On leaving the mission the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, 1997, we headed north to Kingman, where our oldest and youngest daughters lived. we "camped" with them until our home in Las Vegas was finished and we could move in. After moving into our new home on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 1998, we felt once again a sense of well-being. Two months without a home is not good. Within six months, both of our daughters had left Kingman and moved to Las Vegas. What a treat to have them dropping in on us frequently. One would think that perhaps we are growing old and need lots of care. Perhaps they are right. At any rate, we certainly enjoy being with them. We did return to the mission for a week of training for the new office couple, although they needed very little, if any, as they are the greatest.

Presently, we are once again working in the temple. We work a double shift on Wednesdays. We arrive at the temple at 5:15 am and arrive back home about 5:15 pm. Quite a long day, but we enjoy it so much the time seems to fly by. I've been called to work in the Primary with the 9 year olds. Guess the Bishop figured I needed more training so he put me back in Primary. So far I love working with them and I'm sure the experience will humble me considerably. Not that I need humbling — that's why I play golf!

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Sister Beverley B. Johnsen  
Mission Secretary  
May 29, 1996 to November 29 1997

I was born in Santa Barbara, California, to wonderful parents, Lester and Elsie Buell. I had two brothers, Bob and Jim. Bob died of cancer in his forties and Jim is living in Thousand Oaks, California. I spent all my growing up years in Santa Barbara and attended all the local schools. Nothing spectacular here, just a normal kid who enjoyed life to the fullest.

I was a "water baby," as you might expect, from someone growing up on the coast and whose father owned two sporting goods stores. My happiest times were when I was at the beach swimming and sailing. As a teenager I was involved with the Girl Scouts

and became a Mariner. We spent many wonderful hours on the water learning about water craft and sailing with some of the local boat owners.

In my senior year of high school, I met my future husband, John H. Johnsen, on a blind date, set up by my best friend. It was the first and last blind date I ever had! After an "off again, on again" courtship, we were married in 1947. Our only son was born two years later, followed by three girls.

I was converted to the Church while living in Wahiwa, Hawaii, 18 months after the arrival of our son. John joined the Church about fifteen years later. Our family was baptized all around the world. I was baptized in Honolulu, John in Kodiak, Alaska, Wayne in Tokyo, Japan, Susan in Washington, D.C. and the two youngest girls in Orem, Utah. However, Sally was born in Moncton, Canada. Patti, the youngest, was born at the same hospital I was in Santa Barbara. I had come full circle.

John reenlisted in the Navy about a year after we were married and we traveled to many interesting and wonderful places during this 20-plus years of service. When he retired we moved to Orem, and he entered BYU, eventually becoming an industrial arts teacher for junior high school age students in Salt Lake City. I worked at BYU for Continuing Education while helping him through school and ended up working there for 21 years, retiring in 1989.

As a member of the Church I have held many and varied callings. All of them memorable and growing experiences. I love the Gospel and have a strong, living testimony of its truthfulness. I know that God lives, that Jesus Christ is our Redeemer who through His Atonement has opened the door to Eternal Life and has ransomed us from our sins. We have a living Prophet today who inspires, strengthens, teaches and directs God's children in the way we must go to become heirs to our Father's Kingdom. It is through the gift of the Holy Ghost that I know these things to be true, and they are what motivated in me a desire to serve a mission.

Serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission was a high point in my life. Being able to focus on the Gospel 24 hours a day was a privilege and a blessing that I will never forget. The love and special feelings for our dear companions serving in the office, President and Sister McKinlay, their family, and the missionaries who labored in the mission field, are still so tender that I can't think of them without tears springing to my eyes. They are such joyful feelings, filled with happy memories and giant leaps of understanding about our Father's plans for us. I miss the very special Sunrise Ward where we attended our meetings, and all the brothers and sisters who showed us such kindness and love. I would go back in a minute; and I tell everyone I can about serving a mission. It is a preview of what is to come in the Celestial Kingdom. . . . My thoughts and prayers will be ever with this part of the Lord's vineyard.





## **PART SEVEN: MISSIONARY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES**

**Missionaries were invited to submit spiritual experiences to be included with this report and history. About one-third of the missionary force chose to do this.**



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Hermana Camilla Allen  
Provo, Utah

In San Manuel, Tucson North Zone, I had been working with a woman named Emilia Caugas. She had been going through marital problems and was looking for the truth to help her through her difficult times. One day her daughter saw the tv commercial for the *Lamb of God* video, and decided to order it. When the missionaries came, the daughter didn't want to listen, but Emilia was very interested. She began taking the discussions and said she loved how peaceful she felt after the missionaries left. She was committed for baptism, but because of other problems, decided to wait awhile. She said she just didn't feel ready.

After Church one Sunday, Emilia told us she would come to a baptism that night and after, would have her interview with the District Leader, even though she still wasn't sure she wanted to be baptized. After her interview she decided she would be baptized the following Sunday. The day before her baptism Emilia was working. She said she had never felt so happy in her life. All the way home, she cried. She said she felt like someone had taken her in their arms and comforted her. She said she wanted to open the car windows and scream to everyone that she loved them, that God loved them, and there was a way to find happiness. She said she had never felt so much love. She knew she had to go home and apologize to her husband and her children for everything she had ever done. She cried as she told her husband how much joy she had. He couldn't understand what was happening, so she called us because she knew we would understand. She was so happy.

Emilia was baptized the next day. She said it was the happiest day of her life. I asked her how she felt, and she sang, "I'm so excited, and I just can't hide it!" She truly was filled with the pure love of Christ.

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Elder Aaron Leon Averett  
Springville, Utah

In the first part of November 1998, my District Leader and I were on splits. As part of the day's plans, we were going to stop by and see a media referral. As we pulled up to the apartment building on our bikes, there was a man just getting out of his car who kept looking at us, so we stopped to talk to him. He said he knew who we were and that his wife was a member of the Church (although she hadn't been active for about 20 years), and that over the summer they had spent some time in Utah with some relatives and had been impressed by them. He said his daughter had gotten to go to Church with them, too, and she wanted to continue going here. So we let him know where the

Church was and set up an appointment to come back the following Monday. Angel (his daughter) did come to church that week, and regularly for the next month. We went back that Monday, but it turned out to be a bad night for them. The following week Angel got the measles, and other things happened to prevent us from meeting with them until the first week of December.

When we finally met for the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion, Len Nuzzo, Angel's father, told us he wanted his whole family to listen (himself, his wife, Dorothy, Steven 15, and Angel 13), but that he was Catholic and wasn't about to change. So we gave them a 1<sup>st</sup> discussion that went well, and we challenged Angel and Steven to read and pray. Steven was a little skeptical because of some things his friends had told him about Mormons, but he agreed anyway. The following week, we returned to find big smiles on Angel's and Steven's faces, and they had been prepared by the spirit to accept the baptismal invitation. At the end of the discussion, I was prompted to extend the invitation to read and pray to Len. He said he would, and that he could see some changes in his children that he liked. A few nights later, Len, Steven and Angel attended the Ward Christmas party. Before the program started, we were talking with Len about different things when he asked, "May I ask you two something? Would it be all right if I was baptized with my children next Saturday?" Of course, we said "yes," and he seemed very excited at that, as were we. The next day we went over and taught a 4<sup>th</sup> discussion, along with a Stop Smoking workshop for Len. He crushed his cigarettes and beat the habit, which he had tried to quit before. The whole family came to Church the following day, and that night they called their family in Utah, who insisted on coming down for the baptisms.

The next week went by fast with a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> discussions, along with the interviews. Many members of our ward were surprised to find out that Len was not a member, because of his involvement at the Ward Christmas party and at the Nativity program. He was so excited and happy to belong to a church his whole family could go to and enjoy. The Spirit really had touched their lives, too.

Len's decision to be baptized was not as a result of anything we had done, but what the Spirit had taught him through testimonies and his own personal study and prayer. Steven and Angel had been taught by the Spirit, too. Whenever we would go over, they always had big smiles and had learned so much from the spirit, since the last time we had been there. It was rewarding to see the change that took place in them because of what the spirit taught them, and how the spirit touched them. It wasn't what we did while we were there, but what the spirit did while we were not there.

Their baptismal service went really well. Members of their family from Utah were able to speak and their cousin baptized them. When Len was baptized, I couldn't help but smile. I felt like my spirit inside just wanted to jump for joy. For years they had been a part-member family, looking for the right church, and only after their trip to Utah and the spirit touching their lives, were they prepared to receive the gospel and all the blessings that it brings.

I'm grateful to have been able to see that process take place in their lives, and feel of their spirits as they continually grow in the gospel. I'm also grateful that we were led that November day to find the Nuzzo family and teach them the gospel. When they were baptized on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, it really made my Christmas a "White" Christmas! It is experiences like this one that have really helped me on my mission to see how important the gospel is and how it really can change people's lives. I'm so glad to be a missionary in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

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Elder Nathan Scott Bailey  
Pleasant View, Utah

Today (February 20, 1999) the Thompson family took one of the biggest steps in their lives. Cecelia, Callie'B, Dusten, and Korie were baptized into the Church. I felt the spirit so strong. I was able to teach the Thompsons five of the six discussions. They all went so well, the Holy Ghost was there to testify of the truth. I have learned that through the Holy Ghost every one can know that the things we teach are true. The Thompsons are just one of my many spiritual stories. I'm thankful to be out here and have the chance to serve my Father in Heaven and my Savior, Jesus Christ. I know the scriptures are true. They help me when times get hard. I know that the Church is lead by a Prophet who is called by God. I'm so very thankful to have people like the Thompsons who are willing to listen to the sweet spirit that testifies truth. The father, Robert, is going to be baptized this month due to a Word of Wisdom problem, but he is doing good, and so is the whole Thompson family.

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Elder Christopher Jordy Beck  
Blackfoot, Idaho

The experience I most remember and which had an impact on my mission took place in August of 1997. I had been in the mission a little over five months, and we were serving in the Devil's Triangle of the Northeast El Paso district. My companion was Elder Degooyer from Colorado. He was on the last leg of his mission. We were at our Ward Mission Leader's house (this is where the story takes place) eating breakfast, and his daughter and son-in-law, George, came over from Juarez, Mexico. This was the first time I met the Salas family's daughter and her husband. Come to find out through a little BRT (Building a Relationship and Trust), he was preparing for baptism in two days. This was Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. We were able to figure out the situation that happened in Juarez. It turned out that George was being taught by the missionaries there and things were going real well. The missionaries would come over and teach them, and

they were up to the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion. Then transfers came around and both missionaries were whitewashed. New missionaries came in but were not too focused. They enjoyed t.v. and Nintendo, so George was a bit offended. They went from spiritual discussions to just hanging out. Well, then we ran into the situation and Elder Degooyer took off with it and taught me a good lesson. They discussed the Gospel and soon I was asked to review the first three discussions and teach the last three. Then they had their interview for baptism.

George had not received an answer yet so they talked about that a lot. During the interview they kneeled down to ask God. George received his answer and the 25<sup>th</sup> of August was the day he needed to be baptized. He had set it long ago with the missionaries in Juarez and through prayer in El Paso, he reconfirmed it as well. So we prepared for his baptism on the 25<sup>th</sup>, a Sunday. That Sunday we were excited; George, with his wife and the Salas family were all there at church. We went through church and they announced the baptism for 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. Church ended and we prepared for the baptism in a few hours. We were there and all was ready when we found out that George's father went into the hospital because of his health. So the baptism was postponed until later. We went to the hospital and tried to find the room where his father and they were. We had no luck so headed back to our area and on to our dinner appointment and appointments. Before we left the chapel, however, we took two precautions: one, we left the water in the font, and two, we asked our Ward Mission Leader, Hermano Salas, to call us when George came home.

When our evening appointments were over, we went to our apartment. About 10:15 p.m. we received a page, and it was from Hermano Salas. We called him, and were told that George was home. He asked if we were ready to have a baptism. Of course, we were ready, so we got dressed and called about five member families who were real supportive of missionary work. We all met at the chapel at 11:00 p.m. The service began at 11:30 p.m.; assignments were given, and talks were assigned. We had witnesses, and the Spirit was very strong. George was baptized at 11:50 p.m. and then confirmed a member at 12:20 a.m. on Monday, August 26. Through all that, we were able to help him with blessings from above. He was baptized on the day he had prayed about and set. It was a wonderful, spiritual, late night; one I will never forget. The power of prayer is incredible and when answers come, the way is always possible. The Lord really blessed George and his family. Although everything went well, the Stake President didn't care for the baptism service taking place so late (so I suggest that you ought not to do it). The Church is true!!!



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Elder Artie J. Bobo  
Knoxville, Tennessee

When I think of spiritual experiences from my mission, two come quickly to mind — the Garatte family and Frank Hernandez.

In January, 1998, my companion and I were told that a man named Jose Garatte had called the church during Relief Society and had told the sister who answered the phone that he wanted to come to church. She told him when we met and got his name and address for us. It took us a few days to find his house, but when we did, good things began to happen. I was on splits in another area when he was taught the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion, but when I met him to teach the 2<sup>nd</sup>, I knew immediately that he would be baptized. As we taught him, I noticed his sister, Irene, listening in from the next room. During the discussion, she would come sit a little closer to us every 30 minutes or so. The discussions continued that way with Jose for the next several weeks. We also began teaching Irene officially. About half-way through the discussions, their nephew, David, came to live with them. At first, he seemed almost hostile towards us, but soon warmed up. Jose was ready to be baptized fairly quickly, except he had a smoking problem. As a result, Irene was going to be baptized first. She had her interview on a Monday morning with the baptism scheduled for Friday. A few hours after her interview, she received a call saying that her ex-husband had some medical problem and was in a hospital in Mexico. She rushed down to see him. Two days later, he died, and she had to stay in Mexico to take care of things. Meanwhile, we tried everything to help Jose stop smoking, and we taught David the discussions. Shortly before David's baptism, Jose quit smoking, so they were baptized at the same time. A memorable baptism for us and a memorable service for everyone. After Jose came out of the water, he said "I have to take another dive," and went under again. We couldn't help but laugh. My companion, in fact, had to leave the room. But it was good. A month later, we were visiting the branch president's store one Monday when he told us Irene was back and wanted to be baptized. It had been almost two months since I had seen her. In Mexico, she had been going to church, but wanted to be baptized where "her missionaries" were. I had the honor of baptizing her. Unfortunately, she did have to go back to Mexico a few days later to be with her son.

What started as a simple phone call from a guy who just wanted to know more had turned into the conversions of three wonderful people.

Frank was an interesting experience, mostly because of how he was found. My companion and I were on our way to visit someone when I made a comment about Little Caesar's Pizza. Suddenly, we developed a craving for pizza. When the person we were to visit wasn't home, we had dinner instead. After ordering our pizzas, we sat down to wait. The guy who took our orders then asked if we were from a church. We told him

which one and asked if he'd heard of it. He responded that his girlfriend was a member. That took us a little by surprise and we asked if he'd be interested in learning more. He said yes, and we began to teach him a few days later. Teaching him was smooth sailing. He was ready. We simply had to wait for a day when his girl friend's father was in town to baptize him. I was transferred before that day came. Frank was still actively coming to church and being friendshiped, so I wasn't worried. Two months later, I received word that Frank had been baptized. Everything finally fell into place and our craving for pizza was rewarded.

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Elder Nathan Ellis Boden  
Draper, Utah

My first two weeks out were kind of rough on me, trying to listen to a new tongue lulled me to sleep a lot of the time. Then something happened.

We were teaching a 93 year old lady who could hardly hear. Elder Shepherd was teaching while I just sat back and literally fell asleep. I thought, "She doesn't mind, she is not even paying attention to me," and I fell asleep with Elder Shepherd tapping me on my knee with his knee.

Suddenly I felt a tap, actually somebody literally grabbed my left shoulder and pushed me forward, while whispering in my left ear, "Get up!" I immediately arose, thinking it was Elder Shepherd, but he was totally involved in the conversation. He was also seated to my right, not my left. I have stayed awake in every discussion since that day.

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Elder Brandt Taylor Bowen  
Wasilla, Alaska

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I remember a great experience that took place in Roswell while I was serving there with Elder Barrus. We had been working hard for two months, trying our best to find, teach, and baptize, and had had only one wonderful baptism so far.

We decided we should change something, so that we could be more effective. We started praying to find a family to baptize. About a week later, while sitting in our car after checking some call-backs, we were trying to push aside our frustration and decide what to do. While sitting there, a big builder's truck came around the corner and stopped. The driver rolled down his window and asked if we were Mormon missionaries. At first we weren't sure how to respond. After telling the man we were, he said, "I want

you to come over and meet my family and possibly teach them the gospel.” He said he didn’t have time to explain, but he used to be a member.

We were a little in awe and confused the rest of the day. However, we went over to his home and met his wife, son, and daughter. We started teaching them the discussions, and after teaching them the 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion and committing them to baptism, I was transferred. Elders Barrus and Gibb finished the discussions with that family and they were all baptized, including the father of that family. He even received his priesthood blessings back. I am eternally grateful that our prayers were answered. I hope every missionary will have the opportunity to be an instrument in the Lord’s work. I testify that prayers are answered when we bind the Lord.

## II.

When I first arrived in Alamogordo, New Mexico, I was serving with Elder Barrus, and he introduced me to an eternal investigator who had been attending church for quite sometime and was still not baptized. We went over to his house quite often and tried to find ways to invite him to hear the discussions. Who knows how many times he had already had them. He kept on saying there was nothing else we could tell him that he had not already heard from previous missionaries.

One day we were over at their home for dinner, and he was out barbequing. In a recent zone conference we had talked about planning out the investigator’s discussions and baptism. Well, I saw their calendar right next to me, so I wrote down on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1997, “Mike’s Baptism.” He wife looked, laughed, and said it wouldn’t work. Just then Mike walked in, looked at the calendar, and said, “Okay.” I was a bit disbelieving at first and could only say, “Really?” But he went through with it. Since it had been about 6 months since he had heard the discussions, we taught him again, and then he was baptized. The coolest thing is that now I’m back in the same area, and this same brother has been endowed, sealed to his family, and is serving as my Branch Mission Leader, and he’s a good one. So many missionaries tried so hard to get Mike baptized. I know that it was a joint effort of missionaries and members that helped this miracle take place. And the results are joyous.

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Hermana Alison Michelle Bowers  
Turlock, California

One of the best experiences on my mission was serving with Sisters Young and Dansie, and meeting the Madriz family.

Sister Young and I decided to set a date for a family to be baptized. We prayed about it, and selected a date. Later that week we met Ann Madriz and her seven children, Michelle, Anthony, Christian, Rico, Mico, Billy, and Lil Marian. It turned out that a lawyer who was helping Ann was a member, and they had talked about the church.

She had given Ann her own triple combination and referred Ann to the office to receive missionaries.

The first time we met Ann, she almost didn't let us in, and her kids were so scared of us that they ran and hid. We had a good 1<sup>st</sup> discussion; she read and prayed and felt the Spirit. They all came to church the next Sunday, but had a really bad experience and didn't want to go back. We were so sad because we were sure this was our family to baptize. This is when the miracles started happening. Ann had heard about Priesthood blessings and asked for one because she really struggled with depression. She received a blessing and has told us since that she hasn't felt the same feelings since. This was also the time when Sister Dansie joined our companionship. She explained more about fasting and how it is a powerful way to receive answers to prayers. We decided that we would fast together the next week.

On Monday morning we went to Ann's house. Ann told us she takes some really heavy medication that completely puts her to sleep until 9 or 10 o'clock the next morning. She explained that the night before, she had awakened during the middle of the night, and as she lay on the bed with all of her kids around her, she had the most beautiful feeling of peace and love and warmth from our Heavenly Father.

One of the most beautiful experiences of my life was watching Ann, Michelle, Anthony, Christian, and Rico enter into the waters of baptism on October 18, 1998. I love that family with all my heart! I have such a testimony of the power of prayer, fasting, faith, and the priesthood. The Lord hears and answers prayers, and will lead the honest in heart to the truth.

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Elder Patrick Matthew Brady  
Lake Oswego, Oregon

It was November of 1997, I was in my first area, the Sonora Ward of the Tucson Stake. My trainer was Elder Wood. We had some time to use so we decided we would tract. We mutually decided on a street near 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We knocked on a door where a large man answered and let us in. We told him about the Book of Mormon and he was really interested. We committed him to read, and we set up another appointment. We turned him over to the Park Avenue sisters and they taught him the rest of the discussions. He decided to be baptized, but he couldn't since he couldn't get off work to attend church. His desires were strong; by the end of December he had read a large portion of the Book of Mormon. He spoke with his supervisors but they would not allow him a day off. He was two years from retirement to receive all his benefits and everything. In the beginning of January, he decided to see the head boss and to say, "If you don't let me off on Sunday, I'll quit." This meant he was willing to lose his job and his retirement for the Gospel. The morning of the appointment came and he was very

nervous. We were fasting and praying for him all along. He was practicing what he was to say. About 30 minutes before his appointment with the head boss, his supervisor came in and said, "On February 1", you will have Sundays off; you will be training." Wow! A direct answer to his prayers. I know it was because he qualified himself by doing all he could and then trusting in the Lord. It was a great experience, one that filled me with joy, but what added more to my joy was the sight I saw as I revisited the Ward a year later, that he was at the pulpit bearing his testimony and knowing he is still my brother in the Lord. Ralph Tovarez is a great member of the Church. I love this work!

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Elder Joshua Alden Broadbent  
Beaverton, Oregon

### I.

The last baptism for Elder San Juan and me was a young girl named Julie Lopez. Julie was a very special investigator for us, we could tell that from the beginning. She had a desire from the start to learn more about the gospel and follow the example of her brother, Chris, who had been baptized in January.

In being eleven years old, we tried to put the teaching into simplified terms for Julie. As we taught every principle, I was amazed at the comprehension and understanding she demonstrated. We prayed together for an answer regarding the Book of Mormon, and Julie felt very good. Even in the questions she asked, we noticed how she was applying the new concepts, always thinking ahead.

When the time arrived to commit Julie to baptism, she had a few fears holding her back. She knew it was the right thing to do, but in talking with her mom and remembering her grandmother (Catholic) she didn't want to "break their hearts." We continued encouraging Julie to pray for help in her desires. Later she received permission to be baptized, and it was a day after her birthday. I know she is even happier now than before having started on the path to eternal life. I know the Lord assisted us in her commitment, and am thankful to have been a part of it.

### II.

We have an investigator by the name of Eliceo Neriz who is now in the 5<sup>th</sup> discussion. He has been very receptive to our sharing of the gospel and intrigued by the Book of Mormon. Before starting the last discussion, we asked him if he had prayed about the Book of Mormon. He answered that he had and said he'd dreamed of being alone on a road with others watching him on the side. His experience paralleled Lehi's vision of the Tree of Life, and we explained how the Holy Ghost witnessed this to him. I know Christ prepared a way for him to receive the truth, and Eliceo is now preparing to be baptized. I know by the power of my faith as a missionary, I can help instill the desire investigators need to search out the truth.



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Sister Kaari Branham  
Eagle River, Wisconsin

My favorite experience in the mission so far happened my very first full day in the field. Sister Covington and I were to teach a 1<sup>st</sup> discussion to a 35 year old woman who had been requesting missionaries to teach her since March or April (and it was now October). Somehow it never happened, but that night I got to teach my very first investigator — Teresa Ann Cassidy. Teresa had been attending church for almost a year. She had her own scriptures and had felt the Spirit many times. The 1<sup>st</sup> discussion went very well . . . even only on the second principle, as I was telling her how I felt about the Savior, I started to cry. I had to stop and apologize for being so emotional, but I think Teresa was feeling the spirit as well.

I had gone to the appointment saying I wouldn't get attached to her or any others I would be able to teach. You see, Teresa had cancer. At that point, we heard it was in remission, but we were told to try hard to get her baptized soon, just in case she got really sick again.

I think I was touched, and kind of happy/sad at once. As I told Teresa that Jesus is her Brother and that He loves her, I really hoped she'd be able to live a long, healthy life. Teresa had been smoking for 20 years, had been married and divorced, and just really had a challenging life. We said we'd help her stop smoking. She cried, but we prayed with her and she was given a blessing.

December 3, 1998, Thursday. Today was a beautiful day. Teresa was baptized this evening and it was amazing. Her new member boy friend was able to perform the ordinance to exactness. I felt the Spirit. I didn't cry this time — I was too excited. It was also my birthday, and it made me happy. It had taken Teresa three times to take the test of the stop-smoking workshop, and on the third try she succeeded. I knew I was blessed to be a part of her life, and every discussion with her was incredible. I know she'll live a long time and she will enjoy the blessings of the temple this time next year! I'm grateful to Heavenly Father for trusting me to help the Spirit teach one of His beloved daughters. I'll never forget it.

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Elder Grant Rupert Bushman  
Payson, Utah

One of the greatest experiences I have enjoyed on my mission came in my first month. It occurred in mid-January, 1998 as I served in the Thornydale Ward with Elder Neil Annandale.



At the end of a District Meeting, we received a page from Sister Andrus in the Mission Office, and upon calling, we learned that the Priesthood we held was needed. Stacy, a member of the church, called the office, telling of her mother-in-law to be, Linda. Linda's father had been ill for some time, but had slipped into a coma. In an attempt to receive divine intervention, they called whomever they could.

Before we arrived, a Catholic Chaplin gave Linda's father, J.B., a blessing. He said a few words of comfort, had a prayer, and left. When we arrived on our bicycles and back packs, a certain degree of hesitation was noticeable, but after a few moments of introduction, we were seated, and informed of the situation.

After an introduction of what a Priesthood blessing is and entails, I anointed and Elder Annandale pronounced the blessing. In the blessing, many words of comfort were given, both to J.B. and his family. Then, to my surprise, Elder Annandale announced that J.B. would pass peacefully to the other side. He then closed.

As we left, Linda expressed that we "were in tune with the Spirit; not like that clown from before." She could feel the spirit telling her that we held the authority to act in the name of Christ. We took her information and promised a follow-up visit.

We later learned that J.B. passed away within an hour of the blessing. Because of this experience, Linda asked to be taught more about the Church. With this same companion, I was able to see other miracles occur as we magnified our priesthood. We were able to heal me from a chemical burn, and we were able to see others healed of illness.

As an instrument for the Master, I have been able to see such faith-promoting results. The Priesthood found in the Church of Jesus Christ is real. Our Heavenly Father is directing his affairs on earth through His chosen servants. What a great blessing it is to know the truth, to use it, and to share it with others.

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Elder Andrew Charles Cahan  
Cambria, California

One of the most memorable experiences I've had was when I was in Roswell, New Mexico. Elder Gantugs and I had started to teach Chris Morrow the discussions again after he had had them for a year. One night, we stopped by and Chris and his wife had some family problems. We popped in the *Family Answers* video; afterwards, Chris said he wanted to be baptized (this was a part-member family).

That night we took away his chewing tobacco, and from that point on he quit. On June 28, 1998, the Roswell Stake Center was set on fire by an arsonist. Chris called his father, a Seventh-Day Adventist Pastor, and arranged for us to meet in their building, and we had the sacrament that day. I later had the privilege of baptizing Chris Morrow

in a swimming pool in Roswell and felt the same Spirit as would have been felt in the Stake Center. Not to mention, he was the first person I baptized on my mission.

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Sister Carrie Campbell  
Sherwood, Oregon

I have been on my mission now for only a few short months, but the experiences I've had where I have felt the spirit are innumerable. One experience, however, stands out in my mind. It is an experience that has helped me to know that our Heavenly Father truly does answer our prayers. My companion, Sister Robinson, and I felt prompted to return to a home that we had tracted into a few days before. This family had told us that they were not interested, but for some reason we felt the need to return to their home and leave them with a stronger testimony. Before we turned onto their street, we offered a prayer. As we were walking to their home, my heart sank because I noticed there was no car in the driveway, and so they were more than likely not home. Just as we were about to walk up the driveway, a van pulled into the garage and a lady came running out with the car still running. By the time we got up to the door, she was coming out again with an apple in her hand. We explained who we were and that we had talked to her husband a few days earlier. We testified of eternal families and how the true gospel of Jesus Christ had been restored to the earth. I felt the spirit so very strong. I know we were meant to go back to their home. God truly does answer our prayers, and he prepared the way for us. (Doctrine and Covenants 84:88.)

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Hermana Michelle Marina Campos  
San Jose, Guadalupe, Goicoechea, Costa Rica

The most beautiful mission experience that comes to mind is when I had the opportunity to see how the gospel can change someone 360 degrees. Their names are Kerry Kallio and Shawn Abshire. They were into drugs, they smoked, drank, you name it, they were the roughest looking men. When we saw them for the first time, I thought, "They'll never change. I don't think they will accept us." Then I thought that I should have faith since the Lord can do anything. So Sisters Gleason, Morgan, and I started teaching them. They were so receptive.

The next time we met with them, they were committed for baptism and they didn't hesitate to say yes! That month was very hard for them and for us. Satan was working very hard with them and we had to visit them almost every day. They were struggling in many ways, but I could see their strength and faith. All of their old friends showed up with their bad habits, Kerry and Shawn's family were kicked out of their home, so many

things. But they didn't give in. They found a place to live, rejected their old friends, and were baptized.

Two months later, I had the opportunity to see Kerry receive the Aaronic Priesthood, and the next Sunday to see him pass the sacrament. My joy was so great to see his life turn around, to see the love he has for Jesus Christ and the Church, and hopefully he will serve a mission soon.

With Shawn, I didn't see when he received the priesthood, but I hope he has and I know that he too will progress, and that he will take his wife to the temple, for she was a less active member but with his love she came back.

This is a sweet memory I can treasure forever — my whole mission is worth those two souls. But I know there have been many more experiences that I can tell, but those two are the ones that I have struggled with the most and have seen beautiful results. I'm so grateful that I came on a mission and have this great opportunity to teach many people and see them change, as two Elders saw my life change when they introduced the gospel to me.

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Sister Gwennaele-Noemie Cojan  
St. Julien Chapteuil, France

I think of the experience (spiritual) that had the biggest impact on my mission was when I was a greenie. It was the second Friday after I came in the field. We always had to teach Justin at 11:00 am at the Institute of U of A and at 1:00 pm, we always had Greg. So we taught Justin, nothing big, I am a greenie. Then we had Greg. We taught him the 3<sup>rd</sup> discussion. You know . . . before my mission when we had testimony meeting I would never go to the microphone or if I had to it would just be, "I know the Book of Mormon is true, blah, blah, blah." But now I had to teach somebody. I did my best to mean what I was saying. Actually, I tried to testify, to truly do it not to just say words even if they were true. Greg was very careful; he looked at us, right in our eyes, and listened to every single word. It was a little bit scary to have somebody listening to me like this. I did my best to testify of what I was teaching, it was the first time that I really testified of something. It is one of my favorite memories. Later, Greg was baptized. Most of the time there is a special bond between the missionaries and their investigators. I don't think that I touched his life a lot, I think Sr. Wang did it more than I, but he did to mine. This is really one of my best memories.

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Elder Kevin T. Conroy  
Denville, New Jersey

A new member who had been baptized within the last two months was beginning to fall into the habit of not going to church. His name was Hiawatha Montgomery, and through word of mouth, I had heard that the reason for missing church was to work so that he could make enough money to live. Hiawatha and his wife, Cecelia currently have two kids, and Cecelia is expecting another this May. Money was tight with just children, and they weren't sure how they would make it with three.

Hiawatha and Cecelia had been baptized my first month out when I was being trained by Elder Rosa, who was now the Zone Leader. I had since transferred to an adjacent area within the same zone. When Elder Rosa knew he was being transferred to Roswell, he and I decided to drop by Hiawatha's house together and see what we could do to help him realize how important it is to go to church.

As we walked up to the house and Elder Rosa knocked on the door, I commented that it seemed like old times. Hiawatha greeted us and motioned for us to come into his home. After talking for awhile and after a prayer was offered, Elder Rosa began to go over verses of scripture that he would then liken to real life. I kept pretty much silent, except to express agreement to what Elder Rosa was saying. During all of this, the Spirit could be felt very strong.

As Elder Rosa was talking to Hiawatha, I began to feel a prompting by the Spirit. After listening intently, I began to realize what the prompting was telling me. The Spirit was telling me to promise Hiawatha that he would have no more financial problems if he attended church regularly, which meant every Sunday. I contemplated what the Spirit was telling me to do, wanting to make sure that what I was hearing was correct. After receiving a confirmation, I told the Lord that I would say what I had been prompted to say. At the first opportunity I told Hiawatha that I had been moved upon by the Spirit to tell him something. I then promised Hiawatha that any financial problems he may be having now would disappear if he attended church every Sunday. As I did so, I received a confirmation from the Spirit that what I was saying would come to pass, if Hiawatha attended church. Afterwards, I never thought I'd see the fruits of that promise.

While on splits, I was given the opportunity and privilege of visiting with Hiawatha. During our conversation Hiawatha told me that the promise has come true! Hiawatha and Cecelia have not missed church since that promise was given, and Hiawatha told me that each month he doesn't have enough money, but that it has always seemed to work out.

The best part of this story is that Hiawatha and Cecelia have attended church regularly since the promise was given. Both are progressing. Hiawatha now holds the Aaronic Priesthood and is preparing the Sacrament. Corina, their oldest daughter, is

now talking about serving a mission. What a great privilege it has been to see the progression of this wonderful family, and to have been an instrument in the Lord's hands.

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Hermana Rachel Contreras  
Concord, California

One of the most memorable experience I have is of tracting an apartment complex and then speaking to a woman named Maria Dominguez. We did a finding with her and bore testimony, and when she was about to turn us away, a voice came from in back of her telling her to let us in. It was her husband, Raul. We went in and did a finding with him as well. He knew very well why we were out there spreading the gospel which moved him to say, "Well, we already have our commitments with the Catholic Church and our kids are in *catacismo*, but you can come over and share more with us about your beliefs. He said we could share it another day in about a half hour. The Spirit told me that I should make an appointment with them even though they were clearly opposed to changing religions. When we went back to share the 1<sup>st</sup>, I almost thought it was kind of a waste of time. We came back on Saturday and taught a 1<sup>st</sup> (discussion) minus the Book of Mormon. We made a return appointment since Raul did not have time to hear the rest that day. Maria was very cold to us. She sat on one side of the room while Raul sat on the other. She never cracked a smile with us. At first, Raul only wanted to share scriptures from the Bible, but after the Joseph Smith story, he was really interested. We came back and reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> and finished the Book of Mormon. The Spirit was there so strongly. We knelt down and prayed with them; Raul asked to know if these things were true that we had been sharing with them. Then after the prayer, we knelt awhile in silence and then we asked them how they felt. It was an answer to my prayers — they both felt it was right. Maria even cracked a smile. I could tell they were holding many feelings back. We told them about baptism and to begin praying about it. Then we came back and taught part of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, but we couldn't get all of it in due to lack of time and the many comments and questions arising. We then invited them to church again and they told us they had been thinking about it. This time they were sitting on the same couch, not too close, but there was progression. That night — all night — I dreamed about Raul and Maria and their little family. I saw Maria and Raul all in white kneeling across the alter of the temple with their four little children. The next morning I remembered the dream and thought about Maria. To our surprise, that day they came to Church. Right when Maria walked in the door I saw her completely in white and I knew I had really seen her all in white before. I had this connection with her that I can't quite explain. I *knew* her before! Raul loved church, their kids loved it, and Maria loved it even though in our small branch there were only two other women in the Relief Society that Sunday. The four kids said they liked Primary better than the Catholic



Church because there they just mostly colored but here they were learning how to pray, sing, and stories about the scriptures. They told us all of this when we arrived for the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion. They kept saying stuff about baptism when we walked in. The little girl, Marisel, said something like, “when are you going to baptize us?” It was too funny. We told them we would talk concerning baptism that evening. Anyway, to make a long story short, we invited them to be baptized on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Maria was the first to accept, later Raul, and then they wanted their son, Juan, to be baptized as well. What an amazing turn around and every meeting after that has been full of love between them. She told us once that they were getting ready to divorce awhile before they met us, but decided to go on, but now with the gospel in their lives it is making all the difference. Something that was very amazing to me was that when we were speaking to them one time is that I knew with everything in me that they would get baptized, more specifically, Raul. It was as if it had already happened, it was fact. I can’t wait to see Maria in white as her family is baptized in a week — a step to seeing her in white, kneeling across the temple alter. I’m so thankful for that experience. God let me see through the veil for a minute. I won’t ever forget how I felt. This Gospel works miracles, I know it because I’ve seen it!

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Elder Casey Drew Corrington  
Chubbuck, Idaho

It was two days before transfers and I had a pretty good idea that Elder Fieldsted was getting transferred. I was probably only about two months in the field at the time. Over this awesome two months, together we had been praying and praying for a baptism, first of all because it would be my first baptism and we wanted to have a baptism while we were serving together. Well, time flew by, but with these two days left, we finally had our prayers answered. We had an investigator with cancer. He had all of his discussions and was waiting on his doctor to find out about his surgery. Anyhow, he paged us while we were at our dinner appointment. We returned the call and found out he was good to go for baptism, so we set up a program, called everyone, and baptized him the next day. Because he had a prosthetic leg and was large in stature, we both had the opportunity to stand in the water with him. It was an answer to our prayers and an experience I’ll never forget.

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Sister Esther Jane Covington  
Orem, Utah

A 15-year old boy named Bryan was baptized in March 1999. As missionaries just doing our job, Bryan was wonderful to teach — no concerns, no conflict, no opposition.



He could be thought of as a great “golden” contact. And although he was ready to so willingly accept the gospel, his preparation came through the efforts of many people. His grandparents were active members of the Church, but Bryan’s father, Daryl, had not been active for 25 years. This story is Daryl’s in his own words:

“One of my favorite tv shows is *Touched By An Angel*. After 25 years of inactivity and health problems and unhappiness, I decided I needed some heavenly help to change my life. So I began praying that I would be ‘touched by an angel.’ However, each time I prayed for that, I was given the answer that I was being selfish and shouldn’t ask for that. So I stopped praying for it for close to a year. Just two weeks before I met you (meaning me, Sister Covington), I felt the need to pray for angels again. Only this time, I prayed that my entire family would be touched by an angel. I went to church that Sunday for the first time in 25 years. I continued praying the following week, and the next Sunday my prayer was answered. After Sacrament Meeting, I was talking with my mother and felt someone approaching me. When I turned around, I saw you and you looked like an angel. There was a very bright light surrounding you — not coming from an outside source, but radiating from the inside out. I don’t know if you noticed the shocked look on my face, but when I saw you, I knew you were the angel sent to my family.”

From this experience, we began teaching Bryan, Daryl’s son, the discussions and he has since been baptized. Daryl is now active; he and Bryan are working toward being sealed as a family. I don’t know that I was an angel sent from God, but I do know the Lord answers prayers in ways we don’t understand, and that day, He answered Daryl’s prayer.

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Elder Brent Elias Criser  
Charleston, West Virginia

My spiritual experience occurred in El Paso, Texas, in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards Northeast Area. My companion, Elder Moultrie, and I taught Bernie Short the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion and committed her to the Word of Wisdom. She absolutely refused. We testified of its truthfulness and its divinity as to a law of health, and went on to finish the discussion. We knew she was an avid coffee drinker and that it was her concern. After the discussion ended with prayer, she walked into the kitchen and threw her coffee away. She told us that if she was going to be baptized, the coffee had to go. The Spirit taught her that day, not us; we tried to convince her, but it was nothing short of a miracle and the Spirit telling her that it was right and good that prompted Sister Short to take that leap of faith and throw away her coffee.

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Elder Nicholas Lee Crockett  
Lexington, Virginia

I arrived in Sierra Vista, Arizona, in late June of 1998. I “white-washed” in with Elder Hebert — the first English area for the both of us. In accordance with most incidents of an area “white-wash,” we found that there were no people committed for baptism, no teaching pool, and in essence, there was no finding pool.

We covered 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward which is not a very concentrated, or populated area. Aside from the fact that there was no area book left for us, once we located a Sierra Vista map, we discovered that 50% of our area was still uncharted.

Elder Hebert and I worked diligently the one month we were together to get oriented and locate and BRT with those members that we found. We asked for referrals and began to tract our sparsely populated area — to our dismay we found the members to be very little help at first and began to discover just how ineffective tracting was in our new English area. Coming from Spanish areas in El Paso, this was a very foreign experience to not be successful in building a significant reaching pool by a steady effort of tracting and street contacting. I found myself lost as to what I should do. I continued to ask myself, “What more, or how can I find success in this area that hasn’t baptized for so long?” In such humbling circumstances, I was forced to rely completely on the support, strength, inspiration, and blessings of my Father in Heaven.

My prayers gradually became more earnest and more specific. I prayed not only to teach, but to baptize — not to baptize just anyone, but a family, and I felt prompted to specifically ask for a family of three — or a family that at least had three of baptismal age. I knew ahead of time when I asked to baptize three that there would be at least one other in the family not of baptismal age. Why did I ask for a family of this size and not for a family of six or ten? Heavenly Father was to gradually reveal this to me.

After one month of serving with Elder Hebert, he was transferred and I was called to train Elder Conlin. My prayers persisted for my family of three baptisms. After a couple of weeks serving with Elder Conlin, we received a referral to teach a Hispanic woman (Wanda La Luz) and her daughter, Erica, from Puerto Rico. My first instinctive thought was, “Yes, Spanish!” I called and spoke with Wanda to set up a time when we could come by to get acquainted with them. She reluctantly set up an appointment with us for the following week-end. I called the night we were to go visit them to confirm our appointment. She had apparently forgotten. She told me to hold on while she checked with her husband; we had not previously known she was married. I could overhear Wanda persuading her husband to allow us to come over for just a few minutes to get acquainted. He gave in and we found ourselves in their living room minutes later.

After a few moments of BRT with the parents, playing with the youngest of two daughters, a 2 year old named Jasmine, and managing to get their other daughter, Erica,

who is 11 years old, to at least tell us a little about herself, we proceeded to give a spiritual message. I could sense Eric, the husband, getting a little uneasy as I shared a scripture from 3 Nephi 11 about baptism, and expressed to them from the beginning that was our purpose as missionaries. I then asked for a return appointment. With great hesitation, Eric gave in to Wanda's pleading eyes, and we set up for the following week.

Not to our surprise when we returned the following week, they weren't there. I about put them on hold, but felt like I should give them another call to find out why they weren't there and to ask if they were still interested. I talked to Wanda who apologized profusely and set us up again.

When we went back, they were there so we taught them the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion. Wanda and Erica listened intently while Eric appeared less interested, and his body language clearly communicated to us he was there to appease his wife, not because he had an interest in what we had to say, or so it appeared.

A week later we returned to follow-up on their reading and praying. Wanda and Erica replied with a vocal, "A little but not all." We looked to Eric who hesitated and nodded his head in the affirmative — keep in sequence with his tough guy, intimidating, self-portrayal. However, as we asked find-out questions about the reading, we discovered that Eric had by far read and retained the most. We went straight into a 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion and at the conclusion extended the commitment to be baptized to each one of them, beginning with Eric. He laughed and said, "No way!" Wanda said nothing for a good period of time and then after some intense thought and consideration said, "I'm not ready." Erica cut her off with blurting out, "Well, I think I am ready!" Eric and Wanda made eye contact for about five seconds, then Wanda replied, "And we want her to be baptized if that is what she wants." So we set up a date for Erica's baptism about five weeks into the future — giving plenty of time to at least prepare Wanda to be baptized with her daughter.

As time went on, Eric went out of town for an entire month on a border patrol assignment which postponed Erica's baptism, but with him gone, we were able to meet with Wanda and Erica about three times a week instead of once.

Wanda was progressing but we could sense a concern and were convinced that she wasn't going to tell us in front of her daughter. So when I went up to Tucson on splits, I called her at home from the office and talked with her for over an hour on the phone in Spanish. She did have a concern, and ultimately laid it on the line. She had to pray. She needed to put everything aside and ask her Father in Heaven what she should do and then needed to muster the faith to do it. I told her I would be in the mission office for the next 30 minutes and to call me at the office if she received an answer to her prayer and baptism and what she intended to do. We waited and she didn't call in the first 25 minutes so we left to make it to an appointment on time.

The next day I was back in Sierra Vista so Elder Conlin and I went over to Wanda's with scriptures prepared to further try to resolve her concerns. Before we could

have an opening prayer, she stated, "I called, but you weren't there." She had received an answer to her prayer from God. She set her baptism date for one month after Erica's in hope that would give us sufficient time to work with and prepare Eric.

Erica was baptized once her father returned — the spirit of the service undoubtedly softened his heart. However, no real progress was made until one evening when we went over for the final attempt to commit Eric for baptism. It was during this appointment that for the first time I realized that this family was a direct answer to my previous pleas to the Lord for a family to baptize. As this thought appropriately entered my mind, the Spirit touched my heart so deeply and I shared this experience that I was having with the La Luz family, but focusing the conversation to Eric.

I then looked at Eric and said, "I prayed for a family of three to baptize, a husband, wife, and at least one child of baptism age. You are that family. I know, Eric, you will be baptized." The Spirit entered the room so powerfully that there was great effort put forth on all of our parts to keep from crying. I expressed my love for them and the love I have for my Father in Heaven, and the Savior and testified of the importance and power of prayer. We left their home that evening with Eric committed to be interviewed for baptism the same day as Wanda. They were baptized together on 3 December 1998.

Now, four months later, Wanda has a calling in the Relief Society, Eric has received the Aaronic Priesthood and has a calling in the Boy Scout program and they have gone to the temple to perform baptisms. Their number one goal, as stated by Eric in a prayer recently offered by him, is "to become an eternal family."

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Hermana Jennifer Therese Cronk  
El Dorado Hills, California

It was 9:15 pm, on Tuesday, September 15, 1998. Sister LeFevre and I were out following up on same call backs we had received a few days earlier. It was a long day and we were very tired. We debated if we should go home or check on these last two call-backs. We decided to go for it. No one answered at the fist door. At the second door, a woman with a warm face answered. She was Bonnie, the one we were looking for. She asked us to come in. We began to talk and attempted to build a relationship of trust. She told us that just a few days before we knocked on her door she had been praying to know the truth. We shared with her a short first discussion. The Spirit was definitely there. She said she felt good about what we were teaching. We did, too. We did not feel it was time for the baptism invitation, but we made an appointment to come back very soon. She asked if she could come to church with us. Sister LeFevre and I thanked the Lord for sending us to her. When we left her trailer that night, this overwhelming feeling of joy came over me. I felt like Heavenly Father was thanking us for going the extra mile for his daughter, Bonnie McKinney.

Over the next couple of weeks we tried to meet with Bonnie, but things kept coming up in her life. I left that area at the end of October, so I don't know what happened to her. I pray she has found the time to finish the discussions.

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Elder Stephen Mark Cross  
Layton, Utah

It was February 7, 1999. I had only been here for about a month and a half. We were baptizing Derek Vivian. His wife, Jolene, and his parents and grandparents were all there.

Elder Brady would perform the baptism and I was going to give a talk on the Holy ghost. The baptism was very spiritual, but I was also very nervous about my talk because I'd never done anything at a baptism before. I wanted to share how much the Holy Ghost has helped me, but I was worried I would not be able to get my message across because I'm not much with words.

It was finally time to give my talk. I had prepared a talk, but I didn't really follow it, and I was nervous anyway I don't remember what I said. I just shared a couple of scriptures like 2 Nephi 32:5 and a couple of others. I wasn't sure if my talk was good or not, but everybody said it was.

We met Derek and had dinner with him and his family on the following evening. He then told me that he wanted me to confirm him because my talk had really touched him. I was very glad and surprised because I wasn't really sure how well I had done. I guess this is what they mean when they say the Holy Ghost will help you know what to say. The only other times I have felt like that is when I bear my testimony. It was a good experience.

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Elder Douglas Alberto Cuevas  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

I remember sharing a 1" discussion with an investigator. I was on splits with a member and we began sharing with her the First Vision. I began to see her become excited about wanting to learn more. I asked her how she felt, and she said, "I have felt like this before, but I never knew what it was." It turned out that some members in the past had spoken to her about the Church. We explained to her where those feelings came from and she understood exactly. It was like she knew all along. The spirit was there I know, and I felt it and so did she. We came for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was the same. We invited her to be baptized but her mother wouldn't allow her to. She was very sad



because of it. But I know that when she's old enough, she'll be baptized. The spirit testified to her it is true.

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Hermana Sylvia Cutler  
Centerville, Utah

There are many spiritual experiences that I can think of, it's hard to decide. One rather recently stands out in my mind. One Sunday, Jose Bell showed up at church, his roommate, Hyrum, was a member. We talked to him and set up an appointment for that evening.

We already had an appointment so we had to go on splits. I was with Katherine Heck, a student at Western New Mexico University (where Jose was also attending). Katherine didn't know the discussions, so I asked her to testify. The spirit was so powerful. During the whole 1<sup>st</sup> discussion, the Spirit told me to commit him to baptism. I had a struggle because I wasn't sure of myself. But I decided to follow the Spirit. In the last principle of the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion, after we discussed Moroni's promise, we knelt down. Jose offered a sincere prayer, in which he asked if the Book of Mormon was true and if Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. I then followed with a simple, yet sincere prayer. The Spirit was incredible. (There was no doubt we all knew the Book of Mormon was true and Joseph Smith was a prophet of God.) I paused for a moment after and asked Jose how he felt. He was so happy, but he described it as something new, something that he'd never felt before. I asked him what he thought it was. He answered, "The Holy Spirit." I asked him why he thought he had those feelings. He replied, because the Book of Mormon was true, and Joseph Smith was a prophet of God.

Boldly, but with the Spirit, I asked, "Jose, will you follow the example of Jesus Christ and be baptized by someone holding the priesthood authority of God?" He said, "Yes!" I then asked, "We're having a baptism service on February 7. Will you prepare yourself to be baptized on that day?" He replied he would.

It was an experience I'll never forget. I know Jose made the right decision to be baptized. I'm grateful that I listened to the Holy Ghost. I know our Heavenly Father loves us. He's given us the Gift of the Holy Ghost to guide us and to help us. The Church is TRUE. I'm grateful to be a member in these last days. Also, I'm grateful for the opportunity I have to serve my Father in Heaven and to be a representative of Jesus Christ.



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Elder Justin Rick Denning  
Iona, Idaho

It all started in my second month out while I was in the Midvale area of the Tucson West Zone. Elder Adams and I received a media referral the last week of May, for Ruby Valenzuela on the Indian Reservation out by the Casino of the Sun. We taught her a 1<sup>st</sup> discussion that went really well. The Spirit was strong. We taught her the 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion and committed her for baptism the first week of June; she said, "Yes." We tried to get her to church by having members go over to get her, but she would sleep in. Then after that we tried to go over and see her and get her to church for about a month. She was never home. In the meantime, I had always thought she would be baptized. So, one day I decided to fast for someone to be baptized that month. I had no idea who it was going to be. When it came time to go see Ruby, I knew she was the one. Elder Adams and I walked up and knocked on the door. Nothing! No one came. We knocked on the door three more times; the same response — Nothing. Well, I was disappointed, and as Elder Adams was backing out, I looked at the door one more time, and it started to open. Ruby had just gotten out of the shower and came to the door. We went in and talked to her; she asked questions about baptism, so we set a date and she was baptized on July 19, 1998. This was an answer to my fasting and prayer. I know it works, and I love what I do.

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Elder Nathan William Erickson  
Blanding, Utah

I have had many experiences on my mission which have boosted my testimony more than I ever could have imagined. At times I have seen God's hand directly in my life, as I've been about the Lord's errand and witnessed changes in myself. This mission so far has blessed my life much more than I feel I could ever deserve, but more importantly, it has allowed me to be instrumental in blessing the lives of others.

This has become evident in the lives of Tony and Patsy Sanchez from Carrizozo, New Mexico. When I first met Tony and Patsy, I knew then that they were a very special family. Although they both worked full time and had a ranch 90 miles away on the side, they still loved to have us come over, and we never went away hungry. Tony and Patsy had been investigating the church for over three years, and they had taken the discussions probably six times.

We used to go over once or twice a week and read the Book of Mormon with them, and try to resolve their concerns. On one particular day, we went over and Tony decided he would try the "Flip and Point" method to decide where we would read that

day. When he pointed to Mosiah 18, it really didn't jump out at me because I was so green; I didn't realize what a great chapter on baptism it was. Now, Tony was always somewhat of a sign seeker, so when it was his turn to read, and we were on verses 8 - 10, it was definitely more than just a coincidence.

As Tony read those verses, all of the previous nervous humor, and concerns all became secondary, as the spirit testified overwhelmingly of this great and marvelous work. And all at once it was clear what needed to be said, . . . "Tony, what are the desires of your heart?" It was the first time I had ever seen him become totally serious when the gospel was the topic of conversation.

Tony and Patsy Sanchez were needed so badly in the church, there was no way around it. Although the obstacles seemed to be unsurmountable, that was the first of many signs, spiritual and physical, that opened the doors for them to be baptized. I know that the Lords does provide a way!

Today, both Tony and Patsy hold key callings in the Ruidoso Branch. Patsy is in the Relief Society Presidency, and Tony also has a key role in the branch. They should be going to the temple in May or June of 1999. I know this work is real and it is more important than anything else on earth.

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Elder Christopher Eduardo Escobedo  
Summerville, South Carolina

Elder Petersen and I had an awesome experience in downtown Bisbee. We had a guy yell something at us, something positive, and we went up to him and started talking. We found out that he was homeless and was wondering why God wouldn't help him out. We asked him if we could share a message with him right there, and he agreed. We were only talking to him for a few minutes when he started to cry. He had been locked up for awhile and had had a tough life. He then began to tell us that a few minutes before he saw us he had been praying for some kind of help. Then he said when he saw us, it was like seeing angels. The Spirit was so strong. He was embarrassed but said he was crying cause he knows God had answered his prayers. After all this, I told him to meet us back at that spot at 6:30 and we were gonna have a blanket and a meal for him. When we returned, he said he didn't think we were coming back, and he again got emotional. He was so happy with his blanket and his meal. It made us pretty happy we helped him out. It really felt good. Then as we were going back to the car, I realized and told my companion, 'Man that's what the mission is all about. There's no where or nothing I'd rather be doing than this.'

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Elder Christopher James Evans  
Council Bluffs, Iowa  
Argentina Visa Missionary

My spiritual experience is with a woman named Rosa. She was a media referral from back in December. We visited her one night, did a 1", and just lost contact. However, I have not been able to get her and her family out of my mind. The past week, we called her up and asked if we could come back to talk with her again. We talked for awhile and BRT and reviewed a 1". Then we set up a time to come back. When we came back, she told us she felt something when we were here. Usually over the weekends, she and her husband drink a lot, but she decided to stop. We told her this was the Holy Ghost testifying that the things we say are true. As we started talking some more, she stopped us and said she knew everything we are saying; she has heard it before but doesn't know from where. So far, she has stopped smoking, is stopping work to be with her family, and knows that baptism is the only way to return to our Heavenly Father. To have somebody say, "I feel peaceful and happy when you come over," is amazing to me. I know that through being worthy and concentrating on the things of Christ, I am able to help people feel that way all the time.

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Hermana Kimberlee Heather Frederick  
North Versailles, Pennsylvania

One day Hermana Contreras and I were walking the streets of Anthony, Texas, when we happened to come across a dog. Since Anthony is known for good Mexican food and stray, roaming dogs, neither of us was surprised. However, when we got closer, we were surprised to see he was wearing a collar. So, looking to do a good deed, we checked out his address and decided to take him to it (it was 1-1/2 miles away). Using Hermana Contreras' backpack strap as a leash, we walked him to what we thought was his home. Wow, were we surprised to find it was the veterinarian's address. Well, they weren't too helpful, but they told us his name was "Lobo."

So, we walked Lobo back to where we found him, and did a little door knocking. That's how we met Viki. Viki told us Lobo was her neighbor's dog (we had found him two doors away from his home . . . oops!). So, if there's ever a rumor that Mormons steal dogs, it's a lie. We just borrow them to find people to teach. Lobo was inspired; he led us to Viki. We shared the discussions with her. I was transferred before her baptism, but the Holy Ghost was there and touched her heart. I know she will be baptized, thanks to the Holy Ghost and a little red-brown dog named Lobo.

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Elder Mark Joshua Hans Freeman  
Bentonville, Arkansas

When asked to write about a spiritual experience, many things ran through my mind as to what to write about. One particular experience came to mind. During my brief time serving with Elder Conlin, we were given a referral by a member family in a ward outside of our zone. We went to visit the referral and found that she had been experiencing a lot of health problems recently. She actually had been in the hospital. While there, one of her friends offered her a priesthood blessing, and she accepted. Shortly after the blessing she was released from the hospital. That is where Elder Conlin and I came in. We went to teach her a 1<sup>st</sup> discussion. This discussion was probably the most powerful I've ever taught. We helped her to feel and recognize the Spirit. By the time we left, all three of us were in tears. The Spirit had truly testified to her powerfully. Unfortunately, we found that she was living outside of our area so we had to turn the referral over to other missionaries. I am so thankful for this opportunity to be here serving the Lord, and I know the spirit is always with us when we allow it to be with us by the things we do.

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Elder Lynn Gideon Grieve  
Mount Vernon, Washington

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Elder Meadows and I had just committed a Jewish lady to baptism. We and she felt the spirit so strong it was incredible. After we left her home, we stopped at a store, but were so spiritually drained we could hardly walk through the store. We still had a long bike ride home with groceries. As we left the store, we dragged our feet to our bikes, ready for the bike ride home. Suddenly a woman came up to us and offered us a ride home — bikes and all. We didn't even know this lady. She was from another stake. God provided a ride home. It felt great!

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We had a disfellowshipped member come to us on the sidewalk to find out when Church started. She wanted to start coming back. We talked to her for awhile and then walked her back to her apartment. She had been drinking and we walked her home so she wouldn't go buy more beer. As we said good-bye, I was prompted to ask her if she had any beer in her apartment. She looked really scared. There was a long moment of silence as she struggled to fight her addiction. I could see she was losing the battle, so I said, "I'll trade you a Book of Mormon for your beer." She smiled and reached into her coat and brought out an open can of beer. She gave it to me and I dumped it out. The

next day she came to church. It was so great to be led by the spirit, to be prompted to be bold, to have her give up that beer. I felt so happy for her.

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Elder Ryan Scott Hales  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

When Beatrice Joy “Betty” Lynch Wiese asked my companion and me if we were policemen or Mormons, a relationship began which led to baptism and an everlasting friendship.

It was nearing the end of October 1998, and Elder Smallwood and I were traveling the street of the Ft. Lowell area of Tucson on our missionary bicycles. We stopped to talk with a crossing guard and Betty approached us in her electric wheelchair. After she posed the question of our affiliation, she, and we, went on our way.

Our second meeting was on October 31. Elder Smallwood and I were riding to our apartment when we again saw Betty in her wheelchair. It was not a frequently traveled route for us to take, neither was it for her. Indeed, the Lord had prepared our meeting. The course of our relationship is best presented in a poem by Sister Wiese herself. The poem reads as follows:

Into the desert I came  
Age seventy and four  
Electric wheelchair traveling  
Searching — following  
So very long and far  
This zig-zag path  
So convoluted  
Yet light and love shined  
I was led onward.

One day, out of my bewilderment  
At a crossroad  
SUDDENLY THE ELDERS WERE THERE  
TRUTH IN FAITH  
Pausing briefly I went my way  
I felt and saw the message  
Only I passed on.

Mind awakened  
Thoughts racing,

"Those were messengers  
Those bicycle charioteers  
Message of truth,  
I have faith!"

In my thoughts  
Night and Day  
"Is this why I came  
So far, taking long?"

A few days later, tired  
Leaving the grocery store  
I sought shade to rest in  
A place to share my lunch  
SHARE?

Yes, I'd obtained a roasted chicken  
Which I knew I was to share.  
I turned my wheelchair a new direction  
A new direction  
Seeking  
I turned the corner  
SUDDENLY THE ELDERS WERE THERE.

Then, day of great distress  
Long on my road home  
Near despair  
Praying, "Jesus, Help me!  
Please just get me there  
I am so close,  
Just get me there!"

Suddenly the Charioteers  
Sun flashing on turning wheels  
Moving White-Shirt Wings  
SUDDENLY THE ELDERS WERE THERE  
To help me home,  
Into Jesus' fold  
My family.

When Elder Smallwood and I began sharing the discussions with Betty, we knew she had been waiting for the gospel. Within a week, the discussions were complete, and Betty was ready for baptism. Betty was baptized on November 22, 1998. Her baptismal program was beautiful; the spirit was present, and the truth of the gospel was experienced. The following was recorded in my journal on November 24, 1998:



"Elder Smallwood and I visited with Betty . . . She explained how growth in the gospel must be taken in steps . . . Betty also expressed that the Church is 'the truth and the goodness of the love of Jesus.'

"When talking about her experiences before being baptized, she said, 'I wanted truth. I wanted to understand. I wanted to be a helper. I had faith in knowing . . . or the first time in my life, I feel beautiful inside.'"

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Elder Steven Douglas Hall  
Lebanon, Oregon

When I was companions with Elder Weston, we were trying to reactivate this less active/part member family. The first time we went over to their home, the wife told us to never come back and that we were wasting our time there. But we came back a week later and she invited us in, and we committed her to return to church and she said she might think about it. After working with them for two more weeks, she finally came and brought her children and they all enjoyed it. She was reactivated and her husband started taking the discussions. It was such a spiritual experience, because when we first started working with them, they told us that they never wanted to see us again, but as we continued to work with them, their hearts softened and we started teaching her non-member husband. I was not there to see if he was baptized because I was transferred. I love the pure joy of bringing people to Christ, through baptism.

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Elder Mark Rollo Halverson  
Valencia, California

In my first area (Nogales) my companion and I met Toni Lozano in her little tiny house. We began to teach her the discussions but after about a month meeting with her she didn't seem to be making much progress. One night we went to visit her and tried so hard to help her resolve her concerns and progress toward baptism, but we just didn't seem to be able to help. I said a silent prayer in my heart and began to speak to her. I shared John 7:17 with her and testified of the importance of making and keeping commitments to the Lord. As I talked and did my best to express my love for the Savior and for Toni, suddenly I felt the spirit so strongly that it surprised me and I had to pause for a moment. As I continued to speak, it was as if I was sitting back and watching the spirit teach and testify and touch her heart. The words were coming from my mouth, but they were not mine. I had never been able to speak Spanish more easily. The right words had never come so smoothly. I had never felt the spirit work more powerfully through me. After that night, Toni began to read the book of Mormon. She began to

pray and to try to develop faith. She began to attend church. She fasted, and after 13 weeks of teaching her, she was finally baptized!

I believe her conversion began that summer evening as the spirit touched her heart with love and hope. I left that evening truly humbled and so grateful to have had such an experience. As I rode my bike home, I couldn't help but softly cry as I too felt the great love that our Heavenly Father has for His children. I know God lives and loves us, and I love the gospel and His great work.

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Elder Bracken Mark Henderson  
Dayton, Idaho

My mission has been a serious growing experience for me. I've considered this to be a great benefit to me. My testimony is now starting to be what I really feel a testimony should be. It is founded upon Jesus Christ and his atonement. I've had many, many experiences, but there is one I esteem as the best.

I was new on my mission, still combating slight tinges of homesickness. I was clueless on many skills a qualified missionary needed, but I stood on the principle that if we worked, God would bless us and he did.

As my companion and I set out one day to work, we were fasting for a family we had started teaching that just wouldn't progress. The work was slow and frustrating, this compounded by our fasting made the work seem like drudgery. We really had nothing else to do so we tracted, and tracted, and tracted, for 5-1/2 hours straight. I thought I was going to collapse. At about 7:00 pm we came upon the Allegrezza family. There were 5 in the family, 4 baptismal age. They had just moved in two weeks before. We had a good talk and set an appointment to come back the next day. We brought a member couple and everyone was crying during the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion. The following discussions were all good. Many obstacles had to be overcome. The family came to church, but the father would never commit to baptism. It came down to the 6<sup>th</sup> discussion. Paul, the father, was out of town trucking. We had dinner with them at a member's home and then prepared to teach the 6<sup>th</sup>. We didn't know what we were going to do after the discussion. We had done everything we could think of. The only obstacle left was the father. He just couldn't accept Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon. He was Catholic and liked his religion. Just before we began the 6<sup>th</sup>, Paul called and asked if he could still come to the discussion. He had driven into town minutes earlier. We waited for him to arrive and then half-heartedly taught the 6<sup>th</sup>. Upon finishing, I posed the question, "What now?" A moment's hesitation and Paul said two words, "I'm ready." I stared blankly at him, now knowing what he meant. He then explained how somewhere between Tucson and California in a hotel room by himself, he prayed and received his answer. The family was baptized the next weekend.

As we left that meeting, we rode our bikes in silence for awhile. Then, when we came to an isolated area, we stopped, put down our bikes and packs and knelt down to pray. We thanked God for the opportunity to be a part of this family's conversion.

The Allegrezza family has now been through the temple and are strong in the gospel. I will never forget that family or how I felt when we prayed for thanks amidst the cacti and sagebrush. This whole experience still stands as the highlight of my mission.

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Elder Elliot Larson Huntington  
Watertown, South Dakota

A week or two ago, Elder Walworth and I knocked on a door. A lady who had just woke up answered the door. Her eyes were squinted and she said, "You guys are so bright!" With the sun at our backs, it reminded me of the ATM logo with the cactus shadow going into the sun.

I know that we, as missionaries, and members of the Church have the Light of Christ. And as we honor the covenants and commandments, we can share the gospel by letting the Light of Christ shine — brighter than the sun.

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Elder Tyler Martin Johnson  
Boise, Idaho

This following experience took place on Christmas Eve 1998, two days after being transferred from El Paso Texas to the small village of Hatch, New Mexico. To conserve the length of this experience I will not be able to share many of the details that make this experience such a miracle and special blessing to me.

After a normal morning of proselyting, my companion, Elder Dickey, and I went to our apartment for lunch. Due to the lack of food in the apartment, we decided we would go to the Dairy Queen which was located just down the street. The sun was shining warm on this clear Christmas Eve thus we opted to walk rather than drive. As we were walking down the street, a man and his wife pulled over in their truck and with enthusiasm in their voices called out "Hello, Elders." My first impression was, "These must be members," but as we approached the truck the smell of smoke was prevalent which caused me to think contrary. This couple introduced themselves as Joe and Nancy Lunak from Oregon, the son-in-law and daughter of Robert Duran, the member we were scheduled to go to for that night's Christmas Eve dinner. Joe and Nancy expressed their excitement for having us over for dinner, which in turn made me that much more excited about going.

The latter part of the day continued on as normal but as evening was approached the receptiveness of the people was noticeably diminishing — people were wanting to be with their families with no interruptions, which was understandable. As the day continued on our introduction to Joe and Nancy Lunak continued to flee from my mind. By the time 6:00 pm rolled around, Elder Dickey and I decided that we would return to the apartment, then figure-out something more to do until our 8:00 dinner appointment with the Durans. My thought concerning dinner was, “My first Christmas away from home and I am sitting here wondering what we can possibly do for the next two hours. On top of that, after those two hours we have dinner with an older couple...who knows how exciting that will be.” It can be said that I was having pity on myself. As Elder Dickey and I continued to think of our options, the thought of “sharing the restored Gospel with someone” continuously came into my mind, “it would be the greatest gift I could ever give anyone... It would be one of the very few gifts that could last for eternity.” As I sat at the table I decided to bow my head in silent prayer letting my Heavenly Father know what the desire of my heart was.

Considering the receptiveness of the people that night, Elder Dickey and I could not persuade ourselves to leave the apartment. We began working on things there until the time arrived for us to be going to our dinner appointment.

After knocking at the door, Nancy answered and graciously invited us in. When I saw Nancy, I recalled our introduction which had taken place earlier that day. I also recalled when Sister Duran’s comment when inviting us over for that evening, she said, “Robert’s daughter and son-in-law will be there as well, but please don’t bring up the gospel... it’s a touchy subject.” With that in mind and being the guest in her home, we had no choice but to follow her wishes. During our meal I became very impressed with the way the home was decorated, I also recognized that a special spirit was abiding in that home.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Brother Duran ushered us into the family room where we all sat and began conversing. Shortly after we began conversing, Joe looked at me and said, “What can you tell me that would let me know when a church is true.” I looked back at Joe and said, “I can’t tell you anything except that you should pray to our Heavenly Father and he will answer your prayer.” The thought of leading that conversation into the Joseph Smith story immediately came into my mind accompanied with the unmistakable feeling of the Holy Ghost. I knew without a doubt that Joe needed to hear the Joseph Smith story, thus I decided I would follow the spirit not the wishes of Sister Duran. I went on to give an answer to Joe’s question by saying, “A prime example to answer your question would be how our church was founded. A young 14 year old boy was wanting to know how he could discover which church was true. In the midst of his confusion by going to many different churches seeking for answers he came to his answer while reading in the Bible, in the epistle of James first chapter fifth verse which reads.....” I continued sharing the Joseph Smith story. The spirit was without a

doubt present. As I have previously mentioned I could feel a special spirit present while eating dinner but then after sharing the Joseph Smith story, the strength of the spirit was stronger than I had ever before felt. Following the Joseph Smith story, Joe and Nancy both commented, "We have never heard that before...That is an amazing story." Following their comment, Brother Duran said, "Elder Johnson, in all my years in the church I have never heard the Joseph Smith story told with more power than how you just told it." I knew by the strength of the spirit and by the comments made that all who were present felt the spirit just as I had. Before the evening came to a close, Elder Dickey taught Joe and Nancy about The Book of Mormon, which we then gave them both their own copies.

When the time came for Elder Dickey and me to leave both the Durans and the Lunaks walked us out to the front porch. The Durans, along with Nancy, stopped at the porch while Joe, Elder Dickey and myself continued walking to the car. Joe stopped halfway to our car and there we expressed the privilege of spending the evening together. Elder Dickey and I continued to the car. As we began pulling away I looked at Joe, I could only see his silhouette, and the instinct impression from the Holy Ghost, "Joe doesn't know how prayers are answered." I immediately stopped the car, Elder Dickey asked, "What are you doing" my response was, "Give me just a minute." As I left the car and began approaching Joe, another thought then came into my mind which was actually a recollection of some advice my father had given me in his last letter. One thing mentioned in that letter was, "Make sure you recognize the spirit when you feel it..." As I came to Joe I said, "I have one more thing to say before I leave." He said, "O.K." I continued, "I'll start with a question. Do you know how prayers are answered?" His reply was, "No, that's what I am trying to figure-out right now." I then said, "We know prayers are answered by the Holy Ghost. Do you know how the Holy Ghost feels." He replied with another, "No." I asked, "How did you feel during the Joseph Smith story." He said, "I felt something I have never before felt." I told Joe, "That was the Holy Ghost and when you pray he will answer your prayer by those same feelings." Joe broke down in tears and said, "Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you."

Elder Dickey and I left that evening on a spiritual high. I contemplated the events that had just taken place and I was very grateful to my Heavenly Father that he heard the desire of my heart. I also came to the realization that the simple knowledge I had of how prayers are answered was something that many people didn't know. My appreciation for the gospel along with my testimony grew tremendously that evening.

Joe and Nancy returned to Oregon, while there they committed themselves to baptism and on February 17, 1999, they returned to Hatch where we taught them the 6 discussions during their first week. Joe and Nancy overcame a smoking addiction and were baptized on March 21, 1999, in Hatch New Mexico. During the Baptismal service, two of the investigators who were in attendance approached Elder Dickey and me with the announcement that they wanted to be baptized as well. I learned while teaching Joe



that he was raised as an atheist and Nancy had asked that her name be removed from the church records when she was in her teens. Joe and Nancy have invited me to accompany them to the temple in one year.

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Elder Rolla Cole Joyce  
Richland, Washington

We were on our way to an appointment, riding our bikes. On our way, we saw two ladies walking. We stopped and began to talk to them. They said they didn't go to church anymore because of a pastor who had offended them, and his wife had too many babies. I asked them if they believed that Christ organized his church. They laughed and said if he did, that it wasn't around. I agreed that it hadn't been around for a long time, but that it had been restored. They laughed again and said, "And I bet it's the Latter-day Saints." I responded, "Yes, it is." They laughed, but I felt the spirit so strongly, I said, "Laugh if you want, but I know that it truly is Jesus Christ's Church, and some day so will you." They stopped laughing and apologized. Even though they didn't accept it that day, the spirit told me they would some day.

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Elder Jared Randy Kidman  
Mendon, Utah

My spiritual experience starts in that great place where all the UFO experiences take place — Roswell. Luckily, this isn't about my abduction; it's about a wonderful family and the changes I saw while I was in Roswell. My first encounter was a young boy of four who answered the door. We asked if his mom was home; he said, "Yes, but she's busy." We made an appointment to come back. We were finally able to meet the family, and as we entered the house I knew they would listen to our message. They were a wonderful family of eight — Mom, Dad, three boys, and three girls. During our first visit, we had to move the piles of dirty clothes and broken toys, so we could sit on the floor of this house, as it didn't have any chairs. It was a very bare room. This family lived in very humble circumstances. We taught the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion and made an appointment for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. When we came back, we were surprised because it was a clean room! The spirit really moved on them and they started to work hard to get things clean for us. The next time we went back, they had two chairs; the next time, a couch. Then the next time we went by, their sister and three sons had moved in with them. Now they had nine kids in one small place. We thought sure the place would just fall apart, but it didn't. Soon it would be Christmas and they had no presents, nor did they have the food for Christmas dinner, so we talked to our wonderful Relief Society.



On Christmas Eve, as this family was praying for help for their kids, there was a knock on the door, and there stood people from the Police Department, the Salvation Army, and the Relief Society. All three had a turkey and basket of food, plus all had bags and bags of toys. I was almost ready to cry myself. The Lord had answered their prayers and more, also. After that the family was so blessed. The father got a job and was able to pay for the house. They were also able to get some good clothes for the kids. All of this time the spirit of the Lord was with them. Two of the boys wanted to be baptized and so did one of the girls. The mom was reading with the kids out of the Book of Mormon. It was great; then, because the Lord needed me elsewhere, I left them with tears in my eyes and in theirs. I know in my heart they will be baptized some day. I love them and pray for them every day. I know, from this experience, it doesn't matter what kind of circumstances you live in, you will always bless the lives of those you meet. I know the Church is true and I know God is with us.

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Elder Adam Scott King  
Taylorsville, Utah

One of my most spiritual experiences here in the ATM, was when I was serving in Las Cruces with Elder Harris. We had been trying to work very hard, and were beginning to see a ton of those blessings. We were teaching a young couple, and things were moving along great with them. They had been to Church and were excited for their baptism. As we got to the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion and started teaching them about the Word of Wisdom. The wife just had this smile on her face. So we asked her what was neat, and she told us that her husband smoked a lot, but after we had taught them the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion, he just decided to quit. He said he felt it was something he had to do. The point is, we never mentioned anything about stopping smoking, but he had felt the Spirit and knew it was what he needed to do. They were baptized a week later.

My testimony really grew after that experience. I learned the importance of the spirit. It really is the spirit that counts!

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Elder Austin Drew Knight  
American Fork, Utah

It was a nice, warm Sunday in the North Zone and Elder Laszczyk and I were finding people to teach. We set up a time with one of the good members of the church, then we proceeded to tract out their neighbors. As we tracted, we started to invite people to a special family presentation at the McGee home. The McGees were the family we had just made an appointment with.

A lady by the name of Mrs. Straaus accepted, and we were just delighted. So we went back to the McGees and told them there would be someone extra on Tuesday night.

We went on Tuesday night and Mrs. Straaus brought two children with her. We proceeded to get to know them and the McGee family. We presented a family presentation centered around Jesus Christ.

By the end of the night, both Mrs. Straaus and Sister McGee had felt the spirit. Tears were on their cheeks and an appointment to hear the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion was set. It was a good experience for all who attended.

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Elder Adam Leo Kuntz  
Beach Lake, Pennsylvania

One day while teaching Raymond and his wife in Clovis with Elder Openshaw on splits, we were teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion. His wife had a concern about prayer, so I tried to resolve it. I showed her how to pray to her Father in Heaven. While I was teaching about prayer, the Spirit came so strong. It felt like there was an angel in the room. I felt inspired to talk in a way I never did before. The spirit was great. I felt I was so close to my Father in Heaven at that time. I got her to pray, and it was so great!

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Elder Arona Teleni Leota  
Kaysville, Utah  
Argentina Visa Missionary

We had been teaching Hector Gonzalez for a couple of weeks. He was making very good progress. He was reading and praying and always had the desire to find the truth. He was pretty much "golden" with the Spirit strong in the discussions. The only thing that could have been better was the teaching atmosphere. Hector lived with friends that had kids elementary age. They loved Hector, but it became sort of a problem during the discussions as they were always trying to get his attention and interrupting the discussions.

The first three discussions had gone like that. Though they still went well, it could have been better without all of the distractions. We returned for the 4<sup>th</sup>. My companion and I suggested we have the discussion outside in the back yard as to not be disrupted. Hector agreed, so we proceeded to the back yard.

We had prayer and started teaching the first principle of the 4<sup>th</sup>. All of a sudden, one by one the kids made it out back. They came to jump on the trampoline and kept calling to Hector. It was very noisy. I began to be a little frustrated because we wanted

the Spirit to really be there. Hector needed the Spirit to testify to him during this discussion. While my companion was teaching the third principle, the children continued to make noise and call. I lowered my head and said a silent prayer to the Lord. I told him Hector needed to feel the Spirit, and asked Him that either the children would be quiet or that Hector would feel the Spirit more strongly.

We continued to teach even though the kids were just as loud through the whole discussion. It went rather well, but I was a bit frustrated at the situation. We then asked Hector how he felt about the things we had talked about. He explained that he felt so good. He said he always felt good about the discussions and the things we taught, however, that for some reason, during this discussion he felt so much stronger that these things were true and he couldn't explain it. He felt the spirit so strong through all the noise and distractions.

I know that the Spirit was felt so strong by Hector as an answer to a prayer. It showed me that God does hear and answer prayers. He wants us to succeed. We missionaries just have to ask. Especially in the field when He wants all of His children to return and live with Him. The Lord hears our prayers.

Hector continued to progress as the Lord continued to bless him and us while we taught him. Hector was baptized January 31, 1999.

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Elder Gordon Paul Lindsay  
Greensboro, North Carolina

I had been in the mission field for almost three weeks, and while trying to get a grasp on my area in Safford, I had to travel to Duncan for splits. My split informed me that we would be splitting that evening with a couple of stake missionaries due to our two scheduled appointments. My "split-split", fortunately, knew the roads, and we finally met the woman who called in for "The Lamb of God" video. Not exactly sure how to approach media referrals, and realizing I would be teaching this solo, I depended on the spirit to the best of my ability. The woman's granddaughter, age 5, was present, and I suggested we sing, "I Am A Child Of God." I began singing, and the High Priest with me tuned in as well! With the song and a prayer, we began the 1" discussion. The message and invitations were delivered and accepted wonderfully. In a brief moment of silence, as I filled out the pamphlet, she spoke up. "You really enjoy sharing this. You really know it's true. I can feel it, and I can see it in your eyes!" Without much to say, I responded, "Thank you, and, yes, I do know that this is true." The Spirit touched her, and she could see it in my eyes.

As the Lord counsels, "Let thine eye be single . . ."

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Elder Ryan James Lough  
Woodburn, Indiana

My experience happened in June of 1997. I was on splits with Elder Branch, one of the deaf elders serving in the ATM at the time. My companion, Elder Flanders, was out with Elder Elwell on that particular occasion.

That morning was the same as about every morning; we studied then Elder Branch and I headed out for the University of Arizona campus to proselyte for the day. After a busy morning on campus, we were paged by the Mission Office. A request had been made that we go to the U of A Medical Center to perform a blessing. The mother was Catholic, but had heard that the elders could bless her baby who was in critical care from a heart/multi organ operation. Upon hearing the request, we automatically started a fast, and offered a prayer. It was then made manifest through the Spirit that Elder Branch was to anoint this baby's head. Elder Branch had difficulties with his speech, since he was almost totally deaf. But the Spirit manifest itself to have him anoint. I handed him a 3 x 5 card with words for him to say. He looked it over for a few minutes and we had another prayer before leaving the Institute building. Upon arriving at the UMC, we both offered silent prayers, and then proceeded into the hospital where we taught this Catholic mother the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion and the importance of the priesthood. She showed us to the room where her baby was resting. This infant only a few weeks old lay in a small crib hooked up to all kinds of machines. We quietly closed the curtains around us and proceeded. It was at that point that I felt an intense spirit come into our surrounding area. As Elder Branch placed his hands on the baby's head and began to speak, he was filled with the Spirit of God which gave him perfect utterance. For Elder Branch and me it was a most wonderful spiritually enlightening experience.

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Elder Eduardo Gaudino Mazal  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

I'm glad I have the chance to share a very special story of the mission I have been able to serve for the Lord. I know the Lord takes us where we need to be. There is no coincidence in my serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission. I learned this early on my mission. I was sent to my first area in the mission field in the Rincon Zone, the Bear Canyon and Tanque Verde Wards. My companion was Elder Fristrom. Right before I got there, they were teaching a really sweet woman of about 26 years old. Her name was Shannon Hyman and she was Jewish. She had been fellowshipped by the Petersons and the missionaries had taught her three discussions. The first time I met her was the day we scheduled the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion with her. It was one of the most spiritual experience I

ever had. The Spirit was present and we were able to resolve many concerns and she committed to be baptized. One of the best parts of the discussion was when I shared the opportunity I had to be baptized for my grandfather in the Buenos Aires Temple. I shared how my father had become a member of the church when he was 16 or 17, and how he had also been raised in a Jewish family. I knew she was Jewish and I knew she wanted to meet a Jewish convert or the descendant of a Jewish convert. But I wasn't prepared for what happened. I knew at that time that part of my mission was to meet her. Her last concerns were overcome by the Spirit and I received a testimony of the work I had just begun. I was transferred promptly after the baptism and after giving my testimony in church of the truthfulness of the gospel and the perfect picture that life is even when we may not always see it so clear.

Time went by and I found myself wondering what happened to Shannon. Had she remained active? Was she strong? I knew she was baptized in the University Ward and it was hard for her to relate to the 21-22 year old kids that were the majority in the institute. I prayed and asked everyone who could possibly give me some information, but I couldn't get any. After all, almost 20 months had passed and I had been in New Mexico most of that time.

Well, the Lord knows the eternal nature of things and he provided for me a blessing I wasn't expecting. I'm in my last area now and I had the blessing to be approached by this pregnant woman at a store on Ina Road. As I turned around, I realized it was Shannon. She had met her eternal companion and married him. He is an active member of the church and they were married in the temple. Through other missionaries I came to know that they are both very active, have callings and are doing well. I'm grateful to see this wonderful work go forth and to see the hand of God in our lives. I share these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Elder Steven Beck Meadows  
Kearns, Utah

In December of last year, Elder Smallwood and I were on splits in his area. We went tracking down a street at about 4:00 pm, and were getting doors slammed in our faces right and left. We kept going and ran into the Thompson family. We took down their information and said we would return. In January, I went on splits with Elder Bailey, and visited the Thompson family again. We taught a 5<sup>th</sup>, and the spirit was so strong there. The whole family of baptism age — father, mother, and two children — was baptized on February 20, 1999 — my birthday. The baptism service was the most spiritual one I have been to so far on my mission. I was so pleased to finally see a baptism come from tracting.

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Elder Travis Benny Olsen  
Bountiful, Utah

I was serving in the Sunrise Ward in the Tucson Stake with Elder Flanders — at the time we were serving as the Assistants and our focus was trying to lead by example. One morning we sat down and planned our day out not thinking too much about it. That afternoon we stopped to visit one of the less active members of the ward. Before we went to the door we prayed, as we had already done many times that day. We walked up to the door but there was a gate positioned so that we could not reach the front door, and as luck would have it, the gate was locked. We turned and walked down the steps, but at that moment we heard people in the pool around back, so we walked around back. The member then saw us and approached us. We talked for a moment and tried to set up an appointment with his entire family to come back to teach them, but he said, "Well, you'll probably have to start with me!"

We found out at our first visit with him that our first encounter with him was not by accident or by luck — the Lord's great hand was involved. He related this story on our first visit through a face covered by tears.

For many months before, he had begun to look at his family in a new light, and began to see that his family needed help. During months of pondering on the direction to lead his family, thoughts of the Church were always there. So he thought about praying. Now, this man did not pray and had not prayed for nearly two decades. So he simply formulated a prayer (how to ask, what to ask for, what I want my answer to be like). What he wanted to know was if the church is true; and, if it is, please send two missionaries — one with dark hair and one with blonde hair.

In a matter of two weeks, the Lord had led Elder Flanders and me to his door — I have dark hair and Elder Flanders, blonde. We simply never know when the Lord is using us to help others.

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Elder Daniel Paul Openshaw  
Seattle, Washington

The other night (March 6, 1999) Brother Parmeley, a Sierra Vista 1<sup>st</sup> Ward member, took Elder McMullin and me to dinner at The Golden Corral. We sat down to have dinner and a woman sitting behind us motioned for the waitress. She told the waitress that she would cover the cost of our dinner. Margaret (the woman) came to our table before she left. She said she had just moved from California with her husband. They had met with the missionaries there and their children had all been baptized, but she and her husband had not. Margaret told us her husband was sick and at the local



health care center. I asked her if the missionaries in that area could give him a blessing and if they could visit her in her home to continue the discussions. She said she would like that as soon as her husband was home. Then Margaret had to leave. As short as the conversation was, I really felt the Spirit. I could see the love she had for the Lord and for his missionaries in California. Because of them, a fertile seed had been planted in her heart.

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Elder Bryan T. Palmer  
Bellevue, Washington

On Thanksgiving of this year, we were asked by President McKinlay to distribute the Proclamation on the Family pamphlets. We decided to hand them out at an apartment complex we had never been to before. We knocked on doors until we came to apartment #1501. A lady in a wheelchair answered the door and asked us to come back the next day to talk with her.

That next day we went over to Adelfa Hardin's home to talk with her. We sat down and began to talk to her about families. And then out of the blue, she asked, "What do you believe?" So, as missionaries, we jumped at this opportunity and began teaching her the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion. Every time we testified of the principles of the gospel, we could feel the spirit so strong. And when we asked her how she was feeling, she said it was the Spirit. And when she said this, I knew what she was saying was true. This also taught me to be in tune with the Spirit so we can find those people the Lord has prepared.

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Elder Miguel Perez Perez  
Santiago, Chile

One of the most spiritual experiences that I have had on my mission is a reactivation. Sometimes missionary work gives us the opportunity to work with "less actives." When I was in Fabens, we met a lady that was a member of the Church when she was younger, like 20 years ago she stopped going to church. After a couple of visits, she started going to the church again, and read the scriptures, that she still kept in her house. She was reactivated; when I left the area, she gave me a picture of her family, and with tears in her eyes wrote on the back, "Elder Perez, you don't even know all the changes that you and your companion have made in my life. You will be always a bright ray of hope in our lives." I was also crying and I gave so much thanks to my Father in Heaven for that experience. It's incredible the work the Lord can do in the lives of the people through us.

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Elder Todd Lee Petersen  
Cupertino, California

One really good experience that I had on my mission was doing a Prime the Member Pump. My companion and I were at a member's home giving the message and one name really stuck out in the member's mind. The next day the member took us to a woman's home. It was there that he invited her to hear the discussions. She said "yes" without a hesitation. She progressed so well, accepting everything that came to her. She was definitely one of those 1% that Elder Mickelsen was talking about. She then was later committed to baptism and finished all the discussions.

I was honored to baptize her on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. It was so wonderful. It was my first time baptizing anyone, and the Spirit was so strong. Since then I have had a powerful testimony of the Prime the Member Pumps. And how truly inspiring they are. I know this Gospel is true, and I love this work so much.

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Elder Thomas Lindsay Priddis  
Orem, Utah

My first day in Alamogordo was business as usual. We were at our dinner appointment when the father in the family invited Elder Bushman, my companion, and me to go home teaching with him. We had no appointments that night and we needed to give a new member discussion to their grandson who had just been baptized. So off we went to the Raider's home. No sooner had we arrived and introduced ourselves, than Sister Raider asked me if I knew Christopher Priddis. "Of course," I responded, "he's my dad." She then related to me the story of her baptism 20 years ago when her family was stationed in Florida with the US Air Force, when the Chris and Kris Priddis family had befriended them, and when Chris, my dad, had baptized her and her sons. In tears, she told me she'd lost track of her friends she'd made in Florida. I gave her my parents' phone number and address. She called them that very night after we had left; they had a joyful reunion.

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Elder Thomas Wayne Quimby  
Eagle River, Alaska

On the first day of my mission, Elder Tolman and I got up and went to an old call-back of a girl named Kelly. We got to the house and knocked on the door several times, but no one answered. As we were getting into the car, a girl in a robe came out

of the house and called, "Wait." We went back to the door and talked to her on the door step for a couple of minutes. she told us her name was Elizabeth Porter and that she was a student at Pima Community College and living with her parents. She told us she had only lived in this house for a short while and she had never spoken with missionaries before. She also told us she was going to be baptized into a new Christian church that Sunday. Elder Tolman asked if we could come back, and set up an appointment for later that week.

We came back and began teaching her, and the discussions went really well. She ended up finding out more about the Christian church she was thinking about joining, and they began avoiding her because they knew she was talking with us. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion, we set a date for her to pray about being baptized on. We kept teaching her and I remember the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion in particular. The spirit was incredible. By the end of the discussion, everyone was in tears and there was a feeling of closeness to our Father in Heaven. I remember feeling His love so strongly as we opened our hearts and shared our experiences and testimonies of those special and sacred principles.

Mark and Molly, Stake Missionaries, taught Elizabeth the 5<sup>th</sup> discussion; they did an awesome job with a lot of powerful testimony. In the middle of the discussion after Molly had just born her testimony, Elizabeth started saying some things that triggered my memory of a spiritual experience that I had had.

One night after being out in the field for about a week, I was writing in my journal and I had an experience where I knew there were people and friends I had in the pre-existence that asked me to help them find the gospel. It really hit me that there are people in Arizona who are waiting for the happiness and joy the gospel has brought me. What really hit me was the sadness they were experiencing and how they were searching and seeking, but they didn't know where to find it; it is my job to find them. I really understood how important the work I'm doing is. I also understand how big of a responsibility it is for me to wear my Savior's name on my chest each day. I want to work so much harder, because I don't want to be responsible for not being in tune and passing them by. I want to help these people more than anything else I have ever done. I want to find these people so bad.

As Elizabeth was talking, she mentioned that she was so happy we found her, and that she felt like she already knew us; she said she felt the path of her life had lead to this point. She was smiling with tears pouring down her face the entire time. As she was telling us this, my previous experience came back to me and I started crying, and told her about this experience and for a moment I saw her back in the pre-existence. As I sobbed uncontrollably I told her she was my friend before we came to this earth, and I had been sent to find her, and right then I had never been more happy in my life, because I had found my friend. I know Elizabeth was one of the people I was sent to earth to find, and one of the people in Arizona that I was sent to find. My heart was so filled with joy!

As we were driving away from Elizabeth's house, I broke down into sobbing and told them how happy I was that I had worked hard enough to find her. I've worked so hard throughout my life to get here. I look back to all the times in my life where it's been difficult to choose the right and the suffering that I went through to do what is right was all so much more than worth it. I was blessed for the choices I made and I know that when we choose the right even when it's hard, we will be blessed for our sacrifice so much more than we sacrificed. I know our Heavenly Father loves us more than we can ever comprehend and that when we show Him we love Him, He will bless us beyond measure by opening the windows of heaven to us. I'm so happy that I'm finally helping to bring the happiness I've found into the lives of others. This is the best and most important thing I've ever done in my life. I've never been so happy. I found my friend!

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Elder Shane Kendall Rice  
Stirling, Alberta, Canada

Last year on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1998, I had a chance to be a part of the baptism of Wes and Patti Gustavson. The conversion process that led up to that day was beautiful. Through anti-Mormon hostilities of Patti Gustavson's daughter, she and her husband, Wes, took the discussions. Patti also had a son who was a member of the church in Utah. Through quiet encouragement, Wes and Patti made the decision to be baptized. Patti's son in Utah came down along with his family. Patti's grandson was able to baptize her, and her son baptized Wes. It was a beautiful baptismal service, and the Spirit was felt powerfully throughout the meeting. On Sunday, Brother and Sister Gustavson were confirmed members of the church. It was a great experience to see a family united through the ordinances of the church.

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Elder Kevin Carl Rigtrup  
Renton, Washington

One day while in the Bonanza Ward, I received a page. Of course, being a good missionary, I returned the page. A sister from the East Zone asked if it was possible to give a blessing to someone at TMC from the Vail Ward. She was in the hospital for cancer. When Bishop Christianson and I arrived (after receiving the proper permission from President McKinlay), we talked for awhile and discussed her situation and the importance of the power of a priesthood blessing. The blessing was powerful. Even the message afterward was powerful. On the way out, we even talked to a less-active member. The evening was very good for me and taught me a lot. I thank the Lord for this special experience.

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Elder Agustin Calderon Rodriguez  
El Cajon, California

One experience which changed my life and helped me trust in the Lord happened in the Gila Valley Zone. I had just finished serving four months in Tucson and was heading out to a small town called Pima. As I thought about it more and more, I wondered what I was doing. PIMA!! It's a small town with no more than 2,000 population. I was about to find out what "out of your comfort zone" meant. I came from a fairly big city and have always served in cities (Tucson and El Paso). Anyway, as I got there, it truly was a change. Elder Whiteley and I were a little frustrated but had some good prospects. Actually, we had one baptism coming up (Sharolyn Carter), but felt as though we could do much better. I just didn't know what! One afternoon after coming in from a hard day, I received a call from the mission office that my grandmother was in the hospital. I just fell into a chair. Later on that day, I learned that she had passed away. My grandma who I loved, who I was supposed to baptize when I got home. I felt the day get worse and worse. Elder Whiteley talked to me a little about families and how they can be together forever. It was amazing I was receiving strength from principles I knew and that I taught.

That evening, I had one of the most spiritual experiences on my mission. We had Sister Carter scheduled for a 4<sup>th</sup> discussion. Her husband had passed away about a year previous, and so as we started the evening I shared the experience I had earlier that day. As we both cried, I bore my testimony about how families can be together forever. Through the whole discussion the Spirit was strong . . . "powerful" should be the word. The Lord had comforted both of us, and we knew it. We both gained a greater understanding of the love God has for us, and the succor he provides, which is spoken about in Alma 7:11-12. We knew the Plan of Salvation was real, and even now as I recall that night and write about it, the Spirit touches my heart and lets me know that my grandma is all right.

I love this gospel and the principles we learn about families and the Plan of Salvation. May we all continue to gain testimonies of this marvelous work, and share His work with the world.

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Elder Chad Miles Romney  
Redmond, Washington

I was on splits with Elder Bailey in the Ft. Lowell area, Tucson East Zone. Between appointments, we were street contacting, talking to everyone we saw. At one bus stop we were talking to a man who seemed vaguely interested in what we had to say,



when two other men walked up. They had just retired from a long day of hawking papers and begging on the street dividers. One of the men started to jump in on the conversation, but as we noticed he was only trying to make a scene, we tried our best to brush him aside. The other man pulled me away from my original conversation and started to talk to me. He started to bear his testimony of the Savior's ministry on earth. To show the compassion of the Savior, he quoted John 11:35, "Jesus wept." Two simple words that nearly brought this man to tears as he explained his feelings about it. I, in return, expressed my love for the Savior. Then the man started to talk about the crucifixion. "I can't help but cry when I think of Jesus pinned up there on the cross, dying for my sins," he said, as tears streamed down his face. He put his hand on my shoulder and looked into my eyes. It was then that I realized this man had developed a trait I have been working on for years and still haven't perfected, and I probably won't for years to come. He lacked the drive that I have developed to obey, to try to bend my will to that of God. What he had was humility. Total humility. He had no possession save his faith in Christ. I have many possessions in addition to my faith in Christ, so I tend to rely on things, not always the atonement of the Savior. But this man had no family, and hardly a friend. The bus came before we could continue. I thought that if I could develop his humility, how teachable I would be. I know that serving God as I am now will help me, though my desire for total humility will likely be a lifelong struggle to rely on the Savior, for he has given me everything.

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Elder David Todd Rosa  
Poway, California

At a certain meeting with several missionaries and President and Sister McKinlay, I learned some important lessons. If one is open and receptive to the Spirit, he/she can't help learning things at such occasions.

This meeting had been a spiritual one, to say the least, I was surrounded by many whom I loved, and they had made a deep impact on my life. The morning portion had been motivating, and our spirits were lifted even higher as we broke for lunch. The food was served and absorbed, and presently Sister McKinlay invited three of us to help with the dishes. I was one of them, and two close friends filled the remaining positions, with Sister McKinlay.

I don't know how Sister McKinlay kept a reverent spirit during dishwashing, but she did. Conversation began on the topic of how great it was for us all to have the chance to be together. Compliments were exchanged, and we were feeling good about the mutual dedication we felt to serving the Lord. Then we began to digress. One of us mentioned a particular Elder who did not, in our opinions, exhibit such dedication.



The terms “floater” and “non-committed” were used. Sarcastic comments were made about the Elder who had just returned home, and who seemed far too excited about it.

Then I realized that Sister McKinlay had fallen silent. Her hands rested pensively on a dish, still holding a dishcloth. Her head was bowed in a token of reverence, seemingly. I don't know if the other Elders saw me looking, but their attention went to Sister McKinlay also. A moment of silence passed, and then, without looking up, she spoke. “But if only you had heard his departing testimony,” she said, and paused, not knowing how to finish. Another moment passed, and she concluded, “He had learned and grown so much.”

There was no rebuke in her words, no aimed guilt or admonishment. But the chastisement of the Spirit as it returned to the room struck the deepest chambers of my heart. I had debased a child and ordained servant of God. Insight came flooding into my soul. I envisioned the Elder leaving his home, just as I had, and sacrificing many seemingly important things. I saw a family that missed him, as mine missed me, engaged in earnest prayer for his well-being and success. I saw his non-member friends, not realizing the impact his example had made on their own lives. This “problem missionary” had done more good than many achieve in a lifetime. And Sister McKinlay, who had far more reason to be frustrated with him than I, displayed only charity and satisfaction that he had progressed greatly.

This occasion, less than five minutes long, will be an eternal influence to me. I am humbled to say that since this time, Sister McKinlay has occasionally complimented me on the love I show for others. This is like having an accomplished composer compliment you on your performance of his piece. I wonder if she knows how much of this love in me was planted there by her.

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Elder Jason Phillip Roundy  
Price, Utah

We were teaching a lady named Gabriella and she told us one night that she wanted to finish the last two discussions but that we couldn't come back after those were done because her husband didn't want us over there; her brothers were always there, but he didn't like us.

Well, we started a discussion and about 15 minutes, into the discussion, her husband came home. He came in and stood by where we were teaching and listened to us teach about baptisms for the dead and the three degrees of glory. He then stopped us and asked what we thought heaven and hell were. We asked him if he wanted to sit down and we'd tell him, so he did.

Fifteen minutes later, I invited him to hear the discussion from the beginning and he said he'd like to. All his wife could do was silently mouth, "Thank you" to us because she knew what we were teaching is true and wanted to continue meeting with us.

I know her husband felt the Holy Ghost when he walked into that room, and that his heart was softened.

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Elder Nicolas San Juan San Juan  
Jackson Heights, New York

My first up-lifting spiritual experience was my first month in the field. I remember as a new member of the church and a "greenie" in the mission, I didn't know much about doctrine and history of the church. But I knew the Book of Mormon is true. I was excited from the first day and just wanted to talk to everyone.

My trainer, Elder Brown, told me that we had the Flores family and they wanted to hear the gospel. But one of the daughters wasn't open. When she heard about the Book of Mormon, she totally rejected it. I remember that morning when I met the mom. We taught them, about two or three weeks after we met the oldest daughter. She accepted baptism, and the youngest sister totally changed, the same one that once rejected it now was reading the Book of Mormon. The day of baptism was getting close and concerns, doubts, obstacles, came from friends and members of their previous church. I didn't know what I could do. I gave them my books, that had helped me to gain a testimony, till one day I remembered what I learned in the MTC, and that was to pray with them. So one afternoon we went there, read some part of the Book of Mormon, kneeled down in a circle with this family. That was the most special feeling that we have all together. Tears in their eyes I remember their saying, "It's true." They changed. Confusion disappeared and they rescheduled for baptism the weekend, and she asked us, "Why so far, why we can't do it tomorrow?" "We need to teach the rest of the discussions to you, Sister," was our answer! From that day, I learned how missionary work must be done. The Lord wants his servants to trust, recognize, and invite Him in their duties, and miracles will happen.

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Elder Richard Dennis Sharp  
Taylorsville, Utah

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It was my first month out of the MTC when we met a sister named Yvonne. It's cool how we met her; a sister in the ward said she had a friend who would like to know more about the gospel. So we set up an appointment with the sister in the ward. We

went and had a great 1<sup>st</sup> discussion. The spirit was so strong. We met her for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is to ask them to get baptized. My trainer said I would be the one to ask her to be baptized. I was so scared when we went to give the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We went though it just like the 1<sup>st</sup>. With the spirit strong and going well, it came my turn to ask Yvonne to get baptized, so I asked her, "Will you follow the example that Christ set and be baptized?" She said, yes, that something in her life was missing. We reassured her that we did not want her to be baptized for us, that she needed to do it for herself. She said she felt it was the right thing to do, and that she needed to. We gave her all the discussions. I was not there for the last one, as I was transferred. I still got the chance to go to the baptism, at the baptism I had the chance to give the baptism talk. The spirit was so strong at the baptism the whole time. Yvonne is a really strong member now. I am so glad I had the chance to meet her and see her get baptized. I'll never forget her or the experience.

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Yesterday (March 4, 1999) we had an appointment with a brother named Richard. We have been teaching him for awhile. So we went to the appointment; we were going with the thought that we had to have the Spirit strong and make him think. We walked in and were doing some "getting to know" things. We asked him how his reading was going; he said, "It's going good." So we proceeded into the 3<sup>rd</sup> discussion. I started out, then Elder Kuntz went after me. We did every other one, and the Spirit was really strong. We shared scriptures, and also helped him with a lot of questions that he had. Toward the end we shared two additional scriptures and then I asked him to pray. I asked him to pray for the thing he had questions about — Joseph Smith. He did not know if Joseph was a prophet and that he had seen God the Father and Jesus Christ. So I asked him to pray about that, and with no hesitation he said, "Yes." When he prayed it was straight from his heart. It was a great prayer, and we committed him to work for a date for baptism. It was a great discussion with the Spirit strong. I know that one day he will be baptized.

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Elder Jacob Michael Shear  
Plains, Montana

Elder Stahl and I were working in Playas, a small town in southern New Mexico. We had planned to visit a less active member, Norman Gahes. Upon knocking at his door, he opened it and exclaimed, "The mercenaries!" He then chuckled and invited us in. He introduced us to his guests, a pair of Jehovah's Witnesses. They weren't too happy to see us. I sat down in front of them and my companion sat down adjacent to me and Norman sat down next to me.

We began to discuss similarities and differences between our religious beliefs. Norman then went to another room to answer an important phone call. The spirit, I

suppose, decided to see what the phone call was all about, because the discussion became somewhat heated. We had another engagement, Norman returned, and the Witnesses left. As we left feeling somewhat depressed in nature because of what the Jehovah's Witnesses said, Norman thanked us for coming and saving him from the JW's. And then he felt the Spirit return, and we went on our way.

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Elder Kirk Emerson Shepherd  
Burton, Ohio

I've been on my mission for a good 18 months or so . . . It's been hard to choose my favorite spiritual experience, so I'll talk of one of my most recent. About 3 weeks ago, Elder Babbel and I went to pick up the other Nogales companionship of Elders Walworth and Evans, and as we were waiting, a teen-age girl walked by and we started talking to her and telling her what we do as missionaries. Well, we ended up teaching a 1" discussion while she enlightened our minds with stories of the Mexican Mafia. I was kind of skeptical about our next, future appointment, but since she had accepted a return appointment, it was necessary to keep it. When we arrived, her mom was there and everything was excellent. Vicki (the mom) said she had lived next to a lady who had been investigating the church, and had told her that our church was the greatest thing she had ever found. Well, with that sort of a beginning, I knew we had come across something good. She then related to us how her first husband had died and how her family had struggled ever since. She said her kids hated religious people since certain groups came over and told them their dad was going to hell and to get on with their lives. The Plan of Salvation, the way Christ taught, is what now gives them hope that they will be a united family again one day. This family is very special to me, and I know the Lord gives us the opportunity to find these gems if we will open our mouths and share the gospel. The Leal family is committed to be baptized on February 28, 1999.

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Hermana Heidi Stanger  
Ogden, Utah

In coming into the mission field, missionaries wonder who and what their area has in store for them. About the third day after having been taken to Artesia, New Mexico, I learned what was in store for me — I met someone I had known before. It was really neat! Hermana Smith and I received a page from our Branch President to come and meet a couple at the church. To my surprise we met Steve and Rebecca Wilson. I had met Steve before in Ogden through various organizations I'd been involved in. Steve and Rebecca had been married for about a year and had a cute baby — Lizzie. Rebecca was

not a member, and Steve had been less active for quite awhile. We began meeting with them, and three weeks later Steve was able to baptize Rebecca. This experience made me realize how the Lord will utilize the connections we already have. To see the change in the two of them was an experience I'll never forget.

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Sister Bethany Lara Stark  
Philomath, Oregon

When I first came to the Rincon Zone, Sister Dansie and I were doing our normal walk down Harrison to go tracting and check on some call-backs. The one call-back we had to check on dogged us, so we started walking back. Right in front of us was a scruffy man, walking with a little boy, and smoking a cigarette. I felt the urge to talk to him right away, but ignored the thought and walked on with Sister Dansie. We had walked a little ways when the feeling came back, "Go talk to this man." So we turned around and walked back to him and the little boy. We talked a little BRT, then gave him a finding discussion; he accepted the invitation to hear the discussions. This confirmed in my mind the importance of following the spirit in doing the work of the Lord. But, the story doesn't stop there. As we taught Doug the discussions, I realized how truly prepared he was. The spirit was always overpowering during his discussions. He developed the faith to give up his former life and habits and gained a true testimony of the principles, we taught him. He wasn't that scruffy man anymore — the Lord changed his heart and it became evident on the outside. His life will never be the same again. Doug was baptized on December 20, 1998, and is now working to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood. It's these kinds of spiritual experiences that have made my mission the happiest time in my life.

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Elder Nathan Rulon Strong  
Salt Lake City, Utah

The spiritual experience I want to submit is the conversion of an older gentleman, Charles Hoagland. The hand of the Lord was instrumental in helping Charles come unto Christ.

In August of 1998, Elder Henderson and I were taking a Pioneer Day on our bikes and were in the parking lot of a shopping complex. An old man approached us and wanted to know if we worked this area. He explained that his daughter was meeting with missionaries and he wanted to learn more as well. We went to see him the next Saturday to teach him a 1" discussion. Charles is 85 years old. We spent a lot of time listening to him go off on tangents. The Spirit was not too strong because we could hardly get a



word in edgewise. We kept going back to see him even though he was not interested too much in the discussions. He seemed like an ornery old man who just needed someone to talk to about how much he hated his daughter's boyfriend.

His daughter eventually got to the 4<sup>th</sup> discussion, but was not willing to live the law of chastity. She told the missionaries not to come back. Charles was upset that his daughter was offended and told us not to come back either.

A couple of weeks later, Sister Andrus bore her testimony about a woman who called the mission office wanting to see the missionaries again. The Spirit told my companion and me that it was Charles' daughter and that we should go see him again. He allowed us to come talk to him, but was very bitter about his daughter marrying a man he despised. Charles was not progressing, but I strongly felt we should continue visiting him. One day we were able to get one of the High Priests of the ward to come with us. It was unusual that he was home and available. The Spirit was strong during our visit, and Charles said he was ready to get serious about "this religion thing." His countenance had changed. Somewhere along the way he had undergone a mighty change of heart that only the Spirit of the Lord could do. He was now humble like a little child. It was a marvelous experience to see this change take place in his life. He was baptized just over a week later. As I laid my hands on his head to confirm him the following Sunday, the Spirit witnessed to me without a doubt that this was the right thing to do.

Charles is one of the neatest people I know. He's had many experiences throughout his life which have prepared him to accept the gospel. I'm so grateful that the Lord allowed me to be an instrument in His hands in bringing the light of the gospel to one of His choice sons — Charles Hoagland.

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Elder Richard James Teasdale, Jr.  
Provo, Utah

As a missionary, I've had my share of opportunities to give blessings. But the two that brought some of the most somber and spiritual thoughts of my life was the time I was in Lindon Ward with Elder Corrington. The University Medical Center was covered by our ward, and we were responsible for blessings to be given there when called upon.

Elder Corrington and I had been called by the aunt of two Native-American children who had been involved in a major automobile accident. We set up a time for us to meet the aunt at the hospital the next morning.

The first thing that morning we got up and got ready to ride down to the hospital. We arrived and went to the children's intensive care area. A short time later, the aunt, the youngest child involved in the accident (who had only been scratched), the father, and the grandfather arrived. The aunt explained that the mother's back had been injured and she was in the Tucson General Hospital, while the two children were at UMC. The



girl had a severe head injury that they were trying to bring the swelling down on, and the boy, among other injuries, had a whole chunk of his calf missing, leaving mostly just bone.

Elder Corrington and I went in with the family. As I looked at the beaten, broken, and scarred bodies of the children; I felt great sorrow. The aunt tried to awaken them, and I could see the pain they were in. They only acknowledged our presence, but made no other attempt to communicate.

I blessed the girl; Elder Corrington blessed the boy. I gave one of the most spiritual blessings of my life. At that point, I knew our Father in Heaven cared greatly for His children, and suffers great sorrow when His most precious ones are in great pain.

As Elder Corrington gave the blessing on the boy, I opened my eyes and saw a tear slowly roll down the boy's eyes; the Spirit had touched him. As we rode home on our bikes, the world seemed much smaller and silent.

That was a very powerful moment, and it reminded me that missions are about helping people, in whatever way, to bring peace and happiness to their lives.

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Elder Randy Dale Tolman  
Twin Falls, Idaho

I have had so many wonderful things happen on my mission. I can remember the first really big spiritual experiences that happened to me when I was just a "greeny." My trainer was Elder Matt Rasmussen. He had a sickness that made his body shut off on him. One night we had an important appointment to get to, and right before we left, his sickness kicked in. We were in a threesome, and I said to my other companion, Elder Bingham, that we needed to give him a blessing. We laid our hands on his head and gave him a blessing. I hadn't taken my hands off his head before he looked up at me and said, "The blessing could have been shorter." I was amazed! That gave me a strong testimony of the power of the priesthood.

Another great experience happened to me when I was serving with Elder Rodriguez. We were out one night getting our finding done. We stopped a man and Elder Rodriguez began to speak to him. As he did, the Spirit came over me very strong. I had a voice say to me, "You are out here to preach faith in Jesus Christ and repentance through his name." Those words were very clear to me, and as we rode away from that man, Elder Rodriguez turned to me and said, "Elder Tolman, I think I just had a mini-revelation." I said to him, "Elder, let me tell you what it was." I then rehearsed to him the experience I had had, and it was identical to his. Serving with Elder Rodriguez was the most fun of all the months of my mission.

I think that the greatest spiritual experiences I've had in the mission are those with my companions. It has been during companionship studies that I have learned great and

wonderful spiritual truths. When I was with Elder Quimby we started to learn the true nature of our callings. We learned a great lesson: that you must be willing to help others reach exaltation if you ever want to achieve it yourself. We also had a great experience learning the meaning of faith. One morning as we were doing our companionship study, the Spirit helped us understand many things. I think that's the best time to feel the Spirit — when it teaches you something.

I think I could spend hours writing a book about the spiritual things that have happened to me on my mission. These are just a couple of the older ones, making them very fond ones.

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Sister Cori Lee Van Roosendaal  
Midway, Utah

I was honored this day (February 6, 1999) to witness the baptism of Steve Maihack. When we taught him the discussions the spirit was strong. Actually, Sister Branham and I didn't teach him — the Spirit did, and Steve's best friend.

Steve's best friend died of cancer six to nine weeks ago. Steve remembers the light of Christ in her eyes. She was an example to him, and her strength and faith in the gospel opened the door of baptism for Steven.

I could feel her influence as we were teaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> discussion. In the distance, we could hear a hymn being played on a piano. Steve began to cry and told us this was his friend's favorite hymn. Instantly, I knew she was there teaching Steve. She was an example to him and to me! I never thought the dead could do missionary work for the living. It will always make me remember this question: "How do you want to be remembered?"

I love this gospel of Jesus Christ. I know this is the true Church of Jesus Christ. I'm thankful and honored to be serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

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Elder George Washington Walker  
Colman, South Dakota

As a District Leader, I was asked by Sisters Esther Covington, Erin Smith, and Nicole Crookston to interview one of their investigators, Brooke Ellis, for baptism. I asked her how she got interested in the church. She said she had heard the Sisters teach a 1<sup>st</sup> discussion at their dinner appointment, not knowing Brooke was not a member. After the Sisters left, she told the family she was living with that she wanted to check out the Church. Well, she started taking the discussions. At first she did not want to join the Church, she just wanted to "check it out." As she did, she attended Regional Conference in Thatcher, and came to a turning point. Elder Henry B. Eyring spoke and

Brooke was in tears during his entire talk. She felt the Spirit and knew she must be baptized and join this Church. As Brooke told me of this experience, the Spirit bore witness to me that Elder Eyring's authority was real. "That is the power of a special witness of Christ," I thought to myself. My testimony was strengthened and I am even more grateful for modern-day, living prophets and apostles. I know that they are indeed called of God, and that their authority and testimony are real and powerful. The testimony of one of Jesus Christ's Apostles was directly responsible for this woman joining the true Church of Christ.

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Sister Jolene Walker  
Springville, Utah

So far on my mission I've had a lot of spiritual experiences. But one of the ones that stands out most in my mind is that of Mike Duncan. Mike came to church one day with his friend, Henry Archer, so I asked him if he would be interested in learning more. He said he would and we set up a time to meet with him. Teaching Mike was a great experience. He was very "Golden," but yet he was still cautious. He would always bring up a lot of good questions and we would have really meaningful discussions. We soon came to learn that before all this he was going for a walk one day and he was praying for peace in his life and as he was praying he looked up into the sky and saw a cloud shaped perfectly like a dove. After that day he met Henry, came to church, and started taking the discussions. He also had told us that he had prayed about coming to New Mexico and he didn't know why he was to come here, he just knew he was supposed to come. Well, I know he has found his reasons now. We started meeting with Mike at the first of November and we met with him twice a week. But he studied the Gospel and the church fully. He wanted to make sure he knew what he was getting into. Mike was baptized on December 18, 1998. He is now a very strong member of the church, and I'm sure he will raise his family to be strong members of the church and they will go on missions and affect others' lives. Mike gave us a necklace with a dove on it to represent the peace that was brought into his life.

This other experience is a poem from a girl names Laura Jean Harris. We have been meeting with Laura for over 6 months now. She finally came to church last week, and says she is planning to come every Sunday now. It has been a long process with her; she has had many fears and trials to overcome to get her this far. Her family loves us and welcomes us in every time. Her mother even defended our church when a Christian preacher yelled at her for letting her daughter talk to us. But she stuck up for us completely. I didn't know that we would ever make it this far with Laura, but she finally came around and we are praying she will get baptized next month (April 1999).

Thank you, God, for Sister Walker  
And all her patience, 'cause, well . . . I'm a talker.  
Thank you, God, for Sister Foster,  
And all the times she kept me on her visit roster.  
Thank you, God, for sending them my way  
And I think I'm finally learning how to pray.  
Mormons, Sisters, Missionaries, Latter-day Saints.  
Maybe these are just names, or maybe they "ain'ts,"  
'Cause to me they seem like angels from heaven above,  
'Cause they come to my home with a message of Jesus  
and all of your's and their love.  
Thank you, God. All right "e" then,  
Thank you, God. Nighty-night, Good night, Amen.  
P.S. It's me, Laura Jean, again!  
Could you keep me safe and free from sin?  
Good night, God, and thanks again!

The other great experience I have had is with Annette Duronslet. She ordered a *Together Forever* video and from the first appointment with her, we knew she was "golden." Her aunts are Mormon and when she was 11 years old, she met with the Elders, and one of the Elders gave her his Quad. So she still has it today, and she loves it. We had asked her to read 3 Nephi 11, and the next time we came back, we met with her and her husband, Rigo, and they had both read it and studied it. We taught him a 1" discussion and asked them to pray about it. On our next visit, we asked them if they received answers to their prayers; Rigo said he did and he felt good. Annette said she didn't know if she had received answers yet. About this time in came their friend who had been living with them. We don't know his name — we just call him "Satan." He was very, very anti-Mormon and began tearing us to shreds. It was a sad day. After that time we didn't really get to meet with them. Things started coming up and problems they were having. As time went on, I still called her once a week or so. Finally, Satan moved out, so she invited us back over and things were back on swing. She is still golden and believes everything we believe in. We did the calendar with her, and she set up every appointment for that week one day after another. But because of Satan, she didn't want to set a firm baptismal date. She needs to learn it first and make sure, she says. We are teaching her the 4<sup>th</sup> next time. But this girl is so Christ-like already! And every time we go into her home, I can feel the Spirit so strong. She really is loving and kind; she's going to make a strong member of the church. We were so excited to be able to meet with her again. And after leaving and feeling that Spirit, you know exactly why you went on a mission! And you realize how important missionary work is. I'm so grateful to be out on a mission. It's the best decision I've ever made! I love our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ! And I'm so glad that I am a member of the true church! And being on a mission "rocks."

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Elder Benjamin David Walworth  
Portland, Oregon

This experience happened in my first week in the field. I was really nervous about being out and still feeling a little awkward about being a missionary. On this particular morning, Elder Brady and I decided to go tracting. We went to an apartment complex that we had run into a day or two before while trying to find a house. We started knocking doors without much success. As we got to the end apartment, we knocked two or three times, but no one answered. As we started to walk off, a 19-year old girl came to the door, looking like we had just woke her up. We started talking to her, apologizing for waking her up and then proceeded to tell her who we were and where we were from. We asked her if we could come in and share a message with her about Jesus Christ and the plan our Heavenly Father has for us. She opened the door wider, so we went in and talked with her for a little while. Everything went normally until we got to the part of the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion where we talk about Joseph Smith. We explained about the confusion he had and how he was looking for the correct church. We told her he prayed and when he prayed, he saw God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, and how his confusion was taken away. Then we explained about the Book of Mormon and how Jesus Christ had come to the Americas. That God, through a prophet named Moroni, gave us a promise that if we asked to know that these things are true, he would tell us. She was very interested and asked a lot of questions. As we ended the discussion, she started to cry. She told us that the night before she had felt just like Joseph Smith. Both her parents are of different religions and she wanted to know which was true. She had asked God to help her with her problem, and she felt God had sent us to help her out.

When we left, I felt so good. It was a confirmation to me that I was where I needed to be and what I was doing was true.

Bernice still hasn't been baptized because her mom won't let her, but there is no doubt in my mind that it will happen in the future. I love this gospel. I know it's true and that it really does help people improve their lives and come closer to Jesus Christ.

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Elder Alec Willey Watkins  
Sacramento, California

For about two and a half months, my companion and I were having a lot of difficulty in our area. Investigators just weren't sincere about their commitments, and our teaching pool was constantly shrinking. We had been working hard and praying and fasting for our area, but to little avail.



One day I was on exchanges with the Zone Leader's companion, and we went to a media referral's home. She asked us about going to Church when we were halfway through the 1<sup>st</sup> discussion. When we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> discussion (I was on splits with another elder), we committed her to quit smoking and committed her and her daughter to be baptized by the third concept. (We actually committed her by the third concept, not actually baptized her by the third concept.)

She told us that she knows the Church is where she is supposed to be. Ever since, I've had a better attitude and good feeling about this work. We've also been getting new investigators left and right and so many are progressing in the gospel. We're happy now!

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Elder Dustin Larry Whittaker  
Milford, Utah

I think the most spiritual experience would be when I had my first baptism. It was so neat and I was so happy. After the baptism, I was asked to confirm her a member of the church and to give her the Holy Ghost. It made me really nervous because I didn't have any time to prepare but I knew the Lord would help me and I felt the spirit very strong during the confirmation.

Another experience is when I was praying to remember my own baptism; Elder Beck gave some training for a DLTM and I was there. We all got in the baptismal font and I could remember my baptism like it was just yesterday. I know the Lord hears and answers our prayers.

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Elder Martin Glen Wilson  
Paris, Idaho

On April 25, 1998, Elder Carlson and I baptized Gaby Nieto and her daughter, Alex. They had come to the Bishop two weeks before and requested to learn more about the Church. We went over to their house and taught them and baptized them two weeks later. They were ready for the gospel. The day after the baptism was Sunday, and the Bishop made the choice to have them confirmed that day. There were three other confirmations to do that day, also. The Bishop invited us to take part in the confirmations. We got onto the stand and he told the five new members to keep in mind who they wanted to do the ordinance. I was nervous that I would have to do one, as I had never done a confirmation, much less one in Spanish. The first three members chose other people to confirm them, and Alex was next. She chose me to confirm her. I was nervous. As I got up, I whispered and asked the Bishop if it was okay if I confirmed her in English. He said it would be fine, but Spanish would be a lot better.



I didn't know what to do. But, as I started and said her name, everything that came out after was in Spanish. It just came and I don't know where it came from. I don't recall anything I said, but the Spanish flowed and came out correct. I do remember the Spirit that was there as that ordinance was performed and that blessing given. The Spirit was so strong and it touched peoples' hearts. Through this experience I gained a real appreciation for the gift of the Holy Ghost. I also was so grateful for the right to personal inspiration and revelation. The Holy Ghost is real and it does help us in our every day lives. The mission is great! I wouldn't trade it for the world!

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Elder Juan Carlos Yanez  
Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico

A week ago (written February 4, 1999), I had one of the most beautiful experiences on my mission. We got a call-back from a street contact. So we went to see them, but they were members already. One of my companions got the "feeling" to knock on one door near to the house, so we did. Right there everything started. When I was in my first area I had a dream teaching this same family, time and place. I felt like teaching the discussion again. I know that the Lord is preparing this family to accept the gospel and receive the blessings of it.

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Sister Heather Anne Young  
Denver, Colorado

While serving in Silver City, New Mexico, I became discouraged because I felt I wasn't seeing any miracles happen in people's lives as they accepted the gospel. One day I was in the home of one of our media referrals, showing a video. I was particularly frustrated that day. I couldn't feel the spirit in the home. People were walking in and out; the whole scene was distracting. Inwardly I began to doubt if the spirit *could* convert anyone. I wanted so badly to see a miracle, but more for a sign to myself than anything else. As I sat there, inwardly pouting a thought hit me powerfully. "You are being like Korihor." It came to me that I was acting like Korihor, because I was seeking a "sign" before I would trust in the Lord completely. I remembered the verse in Ether 12:6, that tells us to "dispute not because {we} see not, for {we} receive no witness until after the trial of {our} faith." Sitting in that room, I repented of my bad attitude and lack of faith. I promised the Lord then and there that I would keep on being faithful to the end of my mission, even if I never received the "witness" I was hoping for. I felt lighter and more at peace, and frustration left me.

As I looked up from my thoughts, I saw that a young man had entered the house and was standing in the doorway watching the video, transfixed. After the video ended, we asked him some questions, and discovered that he had just come through some very dark experiences in his life, but that through it all he had learned that he was a child of God and he had begun to pray for the first time. We invited him to hear our message. He seemed unsure as he said we could call him — but the Spirit bore witness to us that he was indeed prepared to hear our message and would be baptized. Two weeks later, this young man was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Lord had prepared him to accept the gospel, and I received my witness, after the trial of my faith.

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Hermana Patricia del Pilar Zuniga  
Lima, Peru/Poripano Beach, Florida

On my first day in Tucson, Hermana Wuthrich, took me to my first appointment to visit a family. Martina was a new member, so we stopped in to share a message. Her husband, Genaro, holding a beer in his hand, told us hello, and then went upstairs. It was a little sad to see the changes Martina was making as she started a new life, and her husband was not.

One day Genaro listened in on one of the New Member Discussions that we were teaching to Martina. He decided he wanted to listen to the regular missionary discussions. We set an appointment for the following day. When we arrived, we found Genaro cleaned-up, very excited, and ready to take the discussions. He decided to take a discussion every day. Each day he read several chapters in the *Book of Mormon* and in *Gospel Principles*. He had many excellent questions. He decided to get baptized and set a date. He even quit one of his jobs that made him work on Sunday. He now attends church regularly, and Martina can hardly believe how much he has changed.

I love having the gospel in my life. I am the only member of the church in my family. I know that what happened to Genaro will one day happen to my father — he will be baptized. The Lord works miracles in the lives of his children — all that is required is a little faith in Him. The experience of Genaro has strengthened my faith in my Heavenly Father.

I love being a missionary as I am able to witness the truthfulness of the gospel.

## PART EIGHT: MISSIONARY NAMES AND ADDRESSES

This part embodies names and addresses  
of missionaries who served under  
President and Sister McKinlay.



# More Recent Missionaries

Last	First	P1 Street	P1 City	P1 State	P1 Country	P1 ZIP	ATM Arrival	ATM Depart	P1 Home Phone
ALLEN	CAMILA	220 East 3200 North	Provo	UT	84604		23-Sep-98	11-Jan-00	(801) 373-0410
ANDERSEN	RYAN	3065 E. 4550 So.	Salt Lake City	UT	84117		21-Apr-99	06-Feb-01	(801) 278-8631
APPLEHANS	DAN	817 Yvonne Dr.	Riverton	WY	82501		18-Nov-98	01-Nov-00	(307) 856-3310
ARCHIBALD	BENJAMIN	P.O. Box 2761, 1187N. Cottage	Gearhart	OR	97138		01-Apr-98	21-Jan-00	(503) 738-6747
AUNA	ALEY	135 Waenakonu St.	Hilo	HI	96720		24-Feb-99	07-Feb-01	(808) 969-7771
AVERETT	AARON	1442 East Pheasant Run Drive	Springville	UT	84663-3824		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 489-8075
AVILES	ABNER	1035 E. 560 N.	Provo	UT	84606		16-Jun-99	01-May-01	(801) 374-8916
BABEL	NATHAN	2367 NW Maser Dr.	Corvallis	OR	97330		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(541) 754-4915
BAILEY	NATHAN	3061 North 1000 West	Ogden	UT	84414		23-Sep-98	05-Sep-00	(801) 782-2589
BALLIF	JEFFREY	275 East 100 South	Preston	ID	83263		27-May-98	09-May-00	(208) 852-1403
BANGERTER	CHRISTOPHE	705 N. 800 W.	Bountiful	UT	84087		24-Mar-99	07-Mar-01	(801) 292-7438
BARRETT	COLIN	1700 West Plum Street Apt # 55-B	Fort Collins	CO	80521		23-Sep-98	30-Aug-00	(970) 491-3117
BETZ	WILLIAM	1096 Lamplighter Drive	River Heights	UT	84321		23-Sep-98	04-Jul-00	(435) 753-1998
BIRD	NATHAN	545 South Valley View Drive #137	St. George	UT	84770		21-Oct-98	04-Oct-00	(435) 674-0920
BODEN	NATHAN	14913 South Parowan Way	Draper	UT	84020		29-Jul-98	06-Jun-00	(801) 495-1874
BOURNE	CARSON	862 North 3000 West	Rexburg	ID	83440		21-Oct-98	04-Oct-00	(208) 356-4382
BOWEN	BRANDT	P.O. Box 874453	Wasilla	AK	99687		12-Feb-97	26-Jan-99	(907) 373-0693
BOWERS	ALISON	5201 Harper Road	Turlock	CA	95382		29-Apr-98	24-Aug-99	(209) 634-3569
BRANHAM	KAARI	5680 Cloverland Drive	Eagle River	WI	54521		21-Oct-98	12-Apr-00	(715) 479-9110
BROADBENT	JOSHUA	10950 SW Avocet Court	Beaverton	OR	97007		27-Jan-99	02-Jan-01	(503) 524-6309
BROWN	DEWEY	414 W. Blanche Rd.	Stockton	CA	95207		27-Jan-99	03-Jan-01	(209) 957-7691
CAMPBELL	CARRIE	22827 Hosler Way	Sherwood	OR	97140		21-Oct-98	12-Apr-00	(503) 625-9891
CAMPOS	MICHELLE	Montellmar Esquina Norte del Radio	San Jose, Gua				24-Jun-98	08-Sep-99	(506) 236-2620
CHRISTIANSEN	ARVIL	1662 North 400 West	Sunset	UT	84015	Colcochea	18-Nov-98	01-Nov-00	(801) 779-0774
CHRISTISON	EARL	121 Fairway Circle	Pocatello	ID	83201		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(208) 238-1140
CLARK	COURTNEY	7133 So. Tamarac St.	Englewood	CO	80112		18-Nov-98	15-Sep-99	(303) 741-1025
COMSTOCK	DEREK	5363 Highway 95	Pollatch	ID	83855		24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(208) 875-0621
CONLIN	JOSEPH	1974 East 1350 North	Layton	UT	84040		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 544-4731
CONNELL	JOSHUA	2600 Arville #D-1	Las Vegas	NV	89102		19-May-99	18-Apr-01	(702) 876-2489
CONROY	KEVIN	54 Cedar Lake West	Denville	NJ	07834		26-Aug-98	03-Aug-00	(973) 586-1254
CONTRERAS	RACHEL	3112 Marvelle Lane	Concord	CA	94518		27-May-98	21-Sep-99	(510) 685-2877
COOPER	MICHAEL	3272 Cloverdale Rd.	Bossier City	LA	71111		10-Mar-99	01-Mar-01	(318) 549-1679
CORRINGTON	CASEY	5065 Cole	Chubbick	ID	83202		24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(208) 237-9135
CROSS	STEPHEN	1135 E. 750 So.	Layton	UT	84041		23-Dec-98	01-Nov-00	(801) 544-5638
CUEVAS	DOUGLAS	1050 Albert Road	Windsor N8Y			Ontario	23-Sep-98	04-Jul-00	(519) 252-9041
CURLEY	RYAN	806 Christopher Court	Hockessin	DE	19707		23-Sep-98	30-Aug-00	(302) 234-2139
CUTLER	SYLVIA	220 West 2150 North	Centerville	UT	84014		21-Oct-98	14-Mar-00	(801) 292-2721
DANIEL	JOHN	Box 266	Gray Summit	MO	63039		23-Dec-98	29-Nov-00	(314) 451-2000
DANSIE	EMILEE	888 North 340 East	American Fork	UT	84003		24-Jun-98	07-Dec-99	(801) 756-6224
DAY	CARRIE	SW 1255 WADLEIGH	PULLMAN	WA	99163		17-Feb-99	04-Jul-00	(509) 334-2166
DAY	JOSHUA	General Delivery	Red Devil	AK	99656		21-Apr-99	20-Feb-01	
DEMPSEY	LORI						18-Nov-98	03-Nov-99	
DENNING	JUSTIN	P.O. Box 652	Iona	ID	84327		01-Apr-98	25-Feb-00	(208) 524-3465

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DEWSNUP	ZEB	4600 S. 4085 W.	Delta	UT	84624		27-Jan-99	03-Jan-01	(435) 864-2490
DREW	NATHANIEL	3336 N. Canyon Rd.	Provo	UT	84604		16-Jun-99	30-May-01	(801) 377-9740
DUNCAN	AMANDA	21 N. 470 E.	Smithfield	UT	84335		25-Jan-99	06-Oct-99	(435) 563-5616
EAGAN	THOMAS	102 West Park Street	Copperton	UT	84006		26-Aug-98	08-Aug-00	(801) 569-8156
ELLIS	JOHN	1851 Continental Lane	Escondido	CA	92029		18-Nov-98	01-Nov-00	(760) 741-8570
EMPEY	BLAKE	467 N. 1200 E.	Bountiful	UT	84010		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(801) 295-5826
ERICKSON	JEFFREY	107 W. 1360 N.	Pleasant Grove	UT	84062		14-Jul-99	01-May-01	(801) 796-0605
ESCOBEDO	CHRISTOPHE	115 Blake Drive	Summerville	SC	29485		23-Sep-98	30-Aug-00	(803) 821-9493
EVANS	RANDY	5071 S. 4600 W.	Malad City	ID	83252		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(208) 766-2758
EVANS	CHRISTOPHE	358 N. First St.	Council Bluffs	IA	51503		01-Dec-98	10-Oct-00	(712) 325-9192
FAULK	THOMAS	16418 1/4 California Ave.	Bellflower	CA	90706		24-Mar-99	21-Mar-01	(562) 804-1760
FERGUSON	MICHAEL	306 7th SW	Ephrata	WA	98823		26-Aug-98	08-Aug-00	(509) 754-3436
FOSTER	CLAYTON	RR# 1, Site 2, Comp. 13	Vanderhoof	BC	Canada	VOJ 3A0	24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(250) 567-3042
FREEMAN	MARK	502 SE 8th Street	Bentonville	AR	72712		21-Oct-98	04-Oct-00	(501) 273-7732
GENRICH	KATHARINE	3504 NW 191st Cir.	Ridge Field	WA	98642		24-Mar-99	06-Sep-00	
GOODWIN	RONALD	1610 E. Keswick Rd.	Sandy	UT	84093		24-Feb-99	07-Feb-01	(801) 943-0418
GRIEVE	LYNN	1316 Cleveland St.	Mount Vernon	WA	98273		23-Dec-98	29-Nov-00	(360) 336-2216
HALES	RYAN	2630 Euron Street	Idaho Falls	ID	83401		26-Aug-98	08-Aug-00	(208) 522-9497
HALL	KYLE	Box 1122	Clareholm	AB	Canada	TOL OT0	27-May-98	09-May-00	(403) 625-2039
HARRIS	KAEL	860 W. Pleasant View Drive	Pleasant View	UT	84414		29-Apr-98	28-Mar-00	(801) 782-9675
HARRIS	JONATHAN	3898 Neptune Avenue	Lompoc	CA	93436		29-Jul-98	06-Jun-00	(805) 733-4747
HARTLEY	NICHLAS	P.O. box 623	American Falls	ID	83211		24-Mar-99	06-Feb-01	(208) 226-5446
HEIDT	JASON	3341 W. 6960 So.	West Jordan	UT	84084		24-Feb-99	07-Feb-01	(801) 969-1605
HENDERSON	HYRUM	39818 North Tamarack Lane	Deer Park	WA	99006		26-Aug-98	08-Aug-00	(509) 276-5095
HIGBEE	MARK	3909 West Graymalkin Circle	South Jordan	UT	84095		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 280-0933
HOLLINGSWOR	DAVID	1159 N. State St.	Preston	ID	83263		16-Jun-99	13-Jun-01	(208) 852-2567
HUNTINGTON	ELLIOT	1115 E. Kemp	Watertown	SD	57201		17-Feb-99	02-Jan-01	(605) 886-1993
HUTCHINGS	MINDY	20438 Meadow Pond Place	Montgomery Vill	MD	20866		21-Oct-98	15-Feb-00	(301) 948-4561
HYDE	MARKHAM	759 W. Northridge Ct.	Farmington	UT	84025		14-Jul-99	27-Jun-01	(801) 451-5944
JACOBS	ELIZABETH	305 W. 1600 So.	Orem	UT	84058		24-Mar-99	08-Aug-00	(801) 224-1661
JANES	CINDY	341 E. Spencer Way	Farmington	UT	84025		14-Dec-98	15-Feb-00	(801) 451-6848
JENSEN	JACOB	11210 S. 2125 E.	Sandy	UT	84092		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(801) 572-1324
JEWKES	DANIEL	2166 N. 1200 W. PO Box 404	Price	UT	84501		24-Feb-99	07-Feb-01	(435) 637-4241
JOHNSON	TYLER	5330 Farrow	Boise	ID	83713		27-May-98	09-Feb-00	(208) 375-6787
JOHNSON	JAREN	66 West 200 South	Richmond	UT	84333		23-Sep-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 258-5070
JOHNSON	MATTHEW	24688 Huntley Dr.	Moreno Valley	CA	92557		27-Jan-99	03-Jan-01	(909) 247-0420
JOHNSON	CARL	211 Via La Soledad	Redondo Beac	CA	90277		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(310) 378-1510
JORGENSEN	ANDREW	1050 Sagewood Place	Pocatello	ID	83201		23-Sep-98	04-Jul-00	(208) 234-0455
JOYCE	ROLLA	1306 Rochefontaine	Richland	WA	99352		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(509) 946-4406
KAY	MARK	1415 North 1725 West	Layton	UT	84041		10-Jul-98	21-Mar-00	(801) 546-0501
KELLY	DALE	1667 N. Moor Ln.	Orem	UT	84057		24-Mar-99	21-Mar-01	(801) 221-1142
KIDMAN	JARED	296 North Main	Mendon	UT	84375-0247		11-Aug-98	10-Jun-00	(435) 753-3579
KITCHEN	WAYNE	747 Cliff Street	Lander	WY	82520		24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(307) 332-2752



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KNIGHT	AUSTIN	1007 Nob Hill Ave.	American Fork	UT	84003		30-Dec-98	01-Dec-99	(801) 756-2393
KNOWLTON	NATALIE	328 West 4650 North	Provo	UT	84606		23-Sep-98	14-Mar-00	(801) 764-0414
KUNTZ	ADAM	RR #1 Box 1661	Beach Lake	PA	18405		01-Apr-98	25-Feb-00	(717) 729-7655
LANDON	TONYA	315 E. Rena Ave.	Midvale	UT	84047		14-Jul-99	14-Nov-00	(801) 561-4409
LASZCZYK	LOGAN	8187 Briar Way	Granite Bay	CA	95746		26-Aug-98	08-Aug-00	(916) 791-3419
LEOTA	ARONA	371 N. 1050 E.	Kaysville	UT	84037		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(801) 546-2360
LINDSAY	GORDON	3515 Smoketree Drive	Greensboro	NC	27410		01-Apr-98	25-Feb-00	(336) 288-2799
LOOCK	NATHAN	1951 North 2000 East	Layton	UT	84040		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 546-0105
LOUNSBURY	MARK	629 North 2872 East	Roberts	ID	83444		18-Nov-98	01-Nov-00	(208) 228-3710
LUBEN	MELISSA	P.O. Box 1615	Porter	TX	77365		27-May-98	09-Nov-99	(281) 399-8564
LUNNEN	EDMUND	8596 Terrace Dr.	Sandy	UT	84093		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(801) 943-0459
MARRIOTT	BENJAMIN	9920 West Walden Avenue	Littleton	CO	80127		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(303) 973-1267
MEADOWS	STEVEN	5104 South 4140 West	Kearns	UT	84118		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 968-0885
MICHELI	ANTHONY	1216 Hereford Ranch Rd.	Cheyenne	WY	82007		24-Mar-99	06-Feb-01	(307) 635-1442
MINER	BRYCE	666 W. 350 So.	Orem	UT	84058		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(801) 225-7959
MORTENSEN	MATTHEW	8336 Lake Forest Drive SE	Olympia	WA	98503		23-Sep-98	05-Sep-00	(360) 491-0578
MURRAY	AARON	1883 So. Sunset Dr.	Kaysville	UT	84037		19-Mar-99	25-Feb-00	(801) 451-6513
NEWCOMER	KEITH	O N 108 Evans	Wheaton	IL	60187		13-Oct-98	06-Jun-00	(630) 668-4352
ONG	MICHAEL	1460 East Seville Way, P.O. Box 12	Bountiful	UT	84011-1207		23-Sep-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 294-5550
OPENSHAW	DANIEL	1251 South 129th Street	Seattle	WA	98168		24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(206) 248-1366
PALMER	BRYAN	4518 169th Avenue SE	Bellevue	WA	98006		21-Oct-98	18-Oct-00	(425) 747-4433
PARKIN	CRAIG	268 E. 1200 N.	Centerville	UT	84014		23-Nov-98	01-Nov-00	(801) 292-0569
PEDERSON	HEATHER	3896 W. Dimrall Dr.	Taylorville	UT	84118		24-Mar-99	04-Jul-00	(801) 966-6742
PERRY	DAVID	400 E. 1600 S.	Mapleton	UT	84664		16-Jun-99	17-Apr-01	(801) 489-3332
PETERSEN	TODD	10538 La Roda Drive	Cupertino	CA	95014		26-Aug-98	08-Aug-00	(408) 257-0879
PHILLIPS	STEPHEN	1792 East Cornwall Court	Sandy	UT	84092		24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(801) 571-2752
PIERSON	STEWART	140 Abingdon Court N.E.	Calgary	AB	CANADA	T2A 6S5	19-May-99	16-May-01	(403) 569-0989
PRIDDIS	THOMAS	1443 North 580 West	Orem	UT	84057		24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(801) 224-1946
PURVES	SPENCER	9350 Campbell Road	Vienna	VA	22182		19-Aug-98	04-Jul-00	(703) 938-0242
QUIMBY	THOMAS	18110 MacLaren Street	Eagle River	AK	99577		21-Oct-98	04-Oct-00	(907) 696-2680
RAWSON	COURTNEY	14800 S.E. Karry Avenue	Oak Grove	OR	97267		18-Nov-98	01-Nov-00	(503) 654-9964
REDMAN	JUSTIN	3710 Hamilton Rd.	Benton City	WA	99320		14-Jul-99	15-May-01	(509) 588-3516
RENDZIPERIS	MICHELLE	122 Adams St.	Ann Arbor	MI	48104		19-May-99	03-Oct-00	(313) 668-7021
RICE	SHANE	Box 188	Stirling, Alberta		Canada	TOK 2E0	26-Aug-98	08-Aug-00	(403) 756-3073
ROBERTS	PAUL	2569 West Daybreaker Drive	Park City	UT	84098		21-Oct-98	18-Oct-00	(435) 647-0836
ROBINS	JONATHAN	600 South 122 West	Burley	ID	83318		07-Aug-98	16-Jun-99	(208) 678-1542
ROMNEY	CHAD	13018 177th. Pl. NE	Redmond	WA	98052		23-Dec-98	29-Nov-00	(425) 881-7345
ROUNDY	JASON	689 North Apple Circle	Price	UT	84501		23-Sep-98	30-Aug-00	(435) 637-7195
ROWLEY	JUSTIN	1096 No. 800 E.	Orem	UT	84097		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(801) 224-2707
SANTOS	DAVID	280 Palm Court	Hanford	CA	93280		23-Sep-98	30-Aug-00	(209) 583-8319
SHARP	RICHARD	1494 Lovely Road	Taylorville	UT	84123		21-Oct-98	04-Oct-00	(801) 262-3282
SMALLWOOD	ZACHARIUS	10812 Woodhaven Drive	Fairfax	VA	22030		27-May-98	09-May-00	(703) 591-4582
SPENCER	JOAN	690 Sunset Dr.	Brigham City	UT	84302		28-Jan-99	25-Jan-00	(435) 734-2503

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STAHL	SHAWN	237 Grandview Circle	Evanston	WY	82930		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(307) 789-0684
STANGER	HEIDI	1432 West 700 South	Ogden	UT	84404		27-May-98	12-Oct-99	(801) 399-1515
STEVENS	RICHARD	3903 Greenbrier	Boise	ID	83705		19-May-99	02-May-01	(208) 336-5325
STEWART	MARK	3545 Santa Anita	St. George	UT	84790		27-Jan-99	03-Jan-01	(435) 628-2426
STRONG	NATHAN	7302 South Chris Lane	Salt Lake City	UT	84121		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 943-1963
SUGDEN	TYLER	7131 South Camelot Way	West Jordan	UT	84084		23-Sep-98	04-Jul-00	(801) 561-2567
SWANSON	AMBER	1305 E. Hobbie Creek Dr.	Springville	UT	84663		27-Jan-99	05-Jul-00	(801) 489-7082
TAPIA	JULIO MARCE	Vicente Huidobro #700	Cartagena		Chile	San Antonio	09-Feb-99	29-Nov-00	(35) 451 250
TAYLOR	LORIN						30-Oct-98	10-Mar-00	
TAYLOR	BRIAN	11409 Winding Trail Lane	Dublin	CA	94568		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(925) 556-4453
TAYLOR	A.						30-Oct-98	10-Mar-00	
TAYLOR	BENJAMIN	308 Westwind Drive	Lilburn	GA	30047		29-Jul-98	04-Jul-00	(770) 921-4100
TEASDALE	RICHARD	10542 W. 63rd Pl. #4	Aravada	CO	80004		27-May-98	25-Mar-00	(801) 373-3355
TSCHANNEN	JESSE	1771 E. 2900 So.	Wendell	ID	83355		24-Mar-99	06-Feb-01	(208) 536-2203
VAN ROOSEND	CORI	1256 West Snake Creek Canyon Ro	Midway	UT	84049		18-Nov-98	10-May-00	(435) 664-3890
VERGARA	KEMISH	510 N. Alma School #135	Mesa	AZ	85201		24-Mar-99	21-Feb-01	(602) 610-1917
WALKER	JOLENE	174 Hobbie Creek Canyon	Springville	UT	84663		21-Oct-98	12-Apr-00	(801) 489-9225
WALKER	JASON	9565 North Dry Fork Canyon	Vernal	UT	84078		27-May-98	09-May-00	(435) 789-9032
WALWORTH	BENJAMIN	5023 NE Sumner	Portland	OR	97218		19-Aug-98	06-Jun-00	(503) 287-3923
WATKINS	ALEC	8587 Underhill Drive	Sacramento	CA	95828		23-Sep-98	30-Aug-00	(916) 688-3855
WESBERRY	LEE	Rt. 5, Box 369	Cochran	GA	31014		24-Mar-99	06-Feb-01	(912) 934-4783
WESTERGARD	SHAUN	1860 Cabellaro	Idaho Falls	ID	83406		18-Nov-98	01-Nov-00	(208) 529-3751
WHITCOMB	HILARY	1213 Rollingwood Drive	Vallejo	CA	94591		23-Dec-98	09-May-00	(707) 557-2961
WHITTAKER	DUSTIN	Box 297	Millford	UT	84751		26-Aug-98	08-Aug-98	(435) 387-2797
WILLIAMS	NATHAN	4701 NE 72nd Ave. # J224	Vancouver	WA	98661		01-Dec-98	18-Oct-00	(360) 883-5617
WILSON	JOSHUA	Route 1 Box 68	Caruthersville	MO	84604		24-Jun-98	06-Jun-00	(573) 333-1896
WOLLE	MICHAEL	2290 Malibu Drive	Idaho Falls	ID	83404		17-Mar-98	18-May-99	(208) 525-9478
WOMACK	ISAIAH	577 N. 4200 E.	Rigby	ID	83442		16-Jun-99	30-May-01	(208) 745-0669
ZUNIGA	PATRICIA	1320 SW 1st Terre	Portpano Beach	FL	33060		23-Sep-98	15-Feb-00	(954) 522-0862

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ADAIR	JARED	1957 W. 14400 S	Bluffdale	UT	84065	20-Sep-95	02-Sep-97	(801) 254-1234
ADAMS	GRANT	624 North Ball Street	Owosso	MI	48867	06-Nov-96	20-Oct-98	(517) 723-9899
ADAMS	JOEL	177 W. 2600 N	Pleasant Grove,	UT	84062	30-Sep-97	20-Mar-98	(801) 785-4074
ADAMSON	JOEL	151 North 100 West	Alpine	UT	84004	17-Jul-96	23-Jun-98	(801) 756-9201
AESCHLIMAN	JOSEPH	5823 Hinchey	Howell	MI	48843	22-Nov-95	28-Oct-97	(313) 878-5035
ALLOREDGE	BENJAMIN	5104 Yellow Dawn Ct.	Las Vegas	NV	89130	08-Jan-97	22-Dec-98	(702) 658-5347
ALLEN	KYLE	761 North 5200 East	Eden	UT	84310	07-May-97	23-Mar-99	(801) 745-4424
ALLEN	TAWNI	275 North 1000 East	Orem	UT	84057	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(801) 226-2650
ANDERSEN	LARS	1257 East 600 South	Salt Lake City	UT	84102	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(801) 583-9215
ANDERSEN	BRADY	360 W 500 S #56	Mt Pleasant	UT	84647	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(801) 462-3261
ANDREW	MAILEE	2420 E. Wren Haven Lane	Salt Lake City	UT	84121	13-May-96	28-Oct-97	(801) 277-5484
ANDREWS	THOMAS	245 N. Main St	Nephi	UT	84648	18-Oct-95	30-Sep-97	(801) 623-1425
ANDREWS	LARA	3750 Station Drive	Kennesaw	GA	30144	20-Sep-95	11-Mar-97	(404) 928-3732
ANDRUS	ALYN	64 S. 3rd E.	Rexburg	ID	83440-2002	25-Nov-97	12-May-99	(208) 356-6052
ANDRUS	GLORIA	64 S. 3rd E.	Rexburg	ID	83440-2002	25-Nov-97	12-May-99	(208) 356-6052
ANNANDALE	NEIL	PO Box 4188	Pago Pago	AM	96799	21-Feb-96	03-Feb-98	(684) 699-1514
ARAUJO	SANTIAGO	Rambra Castaners 3844 APO2	Montevideo	Uruguay	11400	02-Feb-98	14-Jan-20	
ARRITT	MATTHEW	P.O. Box 72	Low Moor	VA	24457	09-Oct-96	22-Sep-98	(540) 862-3451
ASHTON	JEREMY	820 Pawnee Lane	Naperville	IL	60563	20-Mar-96	03-Feb-98	(708) 778-1995
ASHTON	DARREN	2108 Margie Ct.	Flower Mound	TX	75028	28-Sep-94	09-Oct-96	(214) 539-7899
ASTORGA	DANIEL	7602 3rd st	Dooney	CA	90242	22-May-96	31-Mar-98	(310) 928-0189
AUGER	CHRISTOPHER	2430 W. Countryside Lane	West Jordan	UT	84084	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(801) 969-7529
BAGLEY	ALAN	3725 Road 96	Pasco	WA	99301	09-Oct-96	25-Aug-98	(509) 547-1236
BAIRD	AMY	8543 Burns Pl	Stockton	CA	95209	01-Feb-95	16-Jul-96	(209) 473-8125
BALCELLS	INGRID	14865 E. Mystic St.	Whittier	CA	90604	04-Dec-96	28-Apr-98	(562) 222-4401
BALLARD	JAMES	405 Rambling Lane	Eulass	TX	76039	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(817) 571-0808
BARDIN	JOELLE	1872 W. Executive Cir	West Jordan	UT	84084	15-May-96	30-Sep-97	(801) 565-9982
BARRUS	JESSE	#19 Burma Rd	Riverton	WY	82501	14-Aug-96	28-Jul-98	(307) 856-0278
BAUGHMAN	JUSTIN	109 Smythe Drive.	Summerville	SC	29485	12-Jun-96	26-May-98	(803) 875-2573
BAUMANN	KENNETH	3004 N Syracuse Avenue	Panama City	FL	32405	26-Jul-95	05-Jul-97	(904) 769-7317
BECK	CHRISTOPHER	780 McAdoo	Blackfoot,	ID	83221	07-May-97	23-Mar-99	(208) 785-2781
BECKES	CHRISTOPHER	304 South 12th St	Elma	WA	98541	22-May-96	31-Mar-98	(360) 482-4426
BELL	BRYAN	3075 West 1000 South	Vernal	UT	84078	12-Jun-96	26-May-98	(801) 789-1910
BEUTLER	JOHN	10428 La Sombra	Fountain Valley	CA	92708	28-Sep-94	14-Aug-96	(714) 968-8389
BINGHAM	THOMAS	#1 3717 15 A St S.W.	Calgary Canada	AL	T2T4C4	20-Dec-95	28-Oct-97	(403) 243-6339
BINGHAM	SPENCER	1883 N 800 W	Orem	UT	84057	11-Sep-96	25-Aug-98	(801) 225-2627
BLACK	DAVID	11 Ridgewood Drive	Roseburg	OR	97470	11-Sep-96	29-Jul-98	(541) 672-6500
BLAYLOCK	CAMERON	5988 E Iona Rd	Idaho Falls	ID	83401	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(208) 522-2619
BLOOM	JUSTIN	P.O. Box 814	Forest Grove	OR	97116	26-Oct-94	08-Oct-96	(503) 662-4460
BOBO	ARTIE	11409 Glen Iris Ln	Knoxville	TN	37922	03-Sep-97	20-Jul-99	(423) 671-3455
BOWEN	CASEY	2921 West 11400 South	South Jordan	UT	84095	12-Jun-96	28-Apr-98	(801) 253-9362
BOWEN	BRANDT	P.O. Box 874453	Vasilla	AK	99687	12-Feb-97	26-Jan-99	(907) 373-0693
BOWERS	ALISON	5201 Harper Rd	Turlock	Ca	95382	29-Apr-98	24-Aug-99	(209) 634-3569

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BOWMAN	KERRY	502 2nd Ave SE	Ephrata	WA		98823	26-Jul-95	03-Jun-97	(509) 754-8453
BRACKETT	ARDITH	3567 Valley Circle	Birmingham	AL		35243	25-Jul-95	07-Jul-96	(205) 822-6650
BRADLEY	MARIA	1003 Platinum Way	Sandy	UT		84094	24-Jan-96	01-Jul-97	(801) 571-2059
BRADSHAW	BRETT	641 East 1800 South	Bountiful	UT		84010	07-May-97	20-Apr-99	(801) 292-4548
BRADY	PATRICK	1575 Highland Dr.	Lake Oswego	OR		97034	29-Oct-97	29-Oct-99	(503) 636-8302
BRANCH	JARRETT	Rt 5 Box 1102	Hazlehurst	GA		31539	21-Jan-96	21-Sep-97	(912) 375-3289
BREZENSKI	JOSEPH	2021 West 4th Street	North platte	NE		69101	12-Feb-97	22-Dec-98	(308) 532-4436
BRICENO	TOMAS	Casilla #11 Fundo San Gabriel	Renacio IX Region	CH			26-Jul-95	03-Jun-97	(09) 441-5371
BRINKERHOFF	STEVEN	304 East 1000 South	Kanab	UT		84741	08-Jan-97	01-Jun-98	(801) 644-2155
BROWN	RYAN	PO Box 431	Gold Hill	OR		97525	15-May-96	31-Mar-98	(541) 855-7427
BROWN	ADAM	307 Ridgemoor St	Fredericksburg	VA		22405	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(703) 371-1694
BUCKLEY	WADE	703 W. 2225 S.	Syracuse	UT		84075	14-Aug-96	13-May-98	(801) 773-4497
BUEHNER	BRADLEY	2631 Wood Hollow Way	Bountiful	UT		84010	17-Apr-96	31-Mar-98	(801) 292-9189
BULTSMA	BEN	Box 917	Coolhurst	AB	Canada	TOLOVO	20-Mar-96	03-Mar-98	(403) 381-4648
BURGOYNE	MATTHEW	284 Springwood Lane	Idaho Falls	ID		83404	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(208) 523-0815
BUSHMAN	GRANT	918 S. 730 W.	Payson	UT		84651	31-Dec-97	07-Dec-99	(801) 465-2161
CAHAN	ANDREW	3163 Wood Drive	Cambria	CA		93428	04-Feb-98	07-Jan-20	(805) 927-7477
CALL	BARTON	9401 W. Caribou Rd.	Pocatello	ID		83204	24-Jun-98	28-Oct-98	(208) 232-0747
CARDONA	NATALIA	721 Lacey Way	North Salt Lake	UT		85054	06-Nov-96	31-Mar-98	(801) 295-2316
CARLSON	LISA	123 N.800 W	Blackfoot	ID		83221	21-Feb-96	05-Aug-97	(208) 684-3640
CARLSON	SHANE	2300 Aspen Cove Dr.	Meridian	ID		83642	12-Mar-97	23-Dec-98	(208) 888-9714
CARVER	JASON	5701 Inwood Dr.	Salt Lake City	UT		84118	11-Jul-97	21-Jul-98	(801) 968-2673
CASEY	JARED	2412 Stone Crop Lane	Modesto	CA		95355	18-Mar-96	21-Jan-98	(209) 529-4260
CASILLAS	CELIA	1920 SE Skillmore Dr. #93	Port St. Lucie	FL		34952	07-May-96	20-Oct-98	(561) 398-9915
CHAPMAN	JEFFREY	4119 Cannon Rd	Grand Island	NE		68803	26-Oct-94	08-Oct-96	(308) 384-8742
CHATTERLEY	JAYSON	9535 North Charleston	Portland	OR		97203	20-May-96	28-Apr-98	(503) 286-3803
CHATTERLEY	IVAN	1602 Cardinal Road	Orlando	FL		32803	17-Apr-96	31-Mar-98	(407) 896-7695
CHRISTENSEN	ROBERT	18691 Kinloch	Redford	MI		48240	14-Aug-96	23-Jun-98	(313) 531-8670
CHRISTENSEN	JEFFREY	4030 Lance	Idaho Falls	ID		83401	01-Feb-95	28-Jul-97	(208) 522-1381
CHUN	JEFFREY	9775 San Remo Road	Santee	CA		92071	24-Oct-96	28-Jul-98	(619) 448-6466
COJAN	GWENNAELLE-N	Route D'Auteyrac (La Maison Jean)	St Julien Chaptellu		France	43260	04-Mar-97	04-Aug-99	(047) 108-4498
COLLIER	JENNIFER	8912 NE 28th Ave	Vancouver	WA		98665	29-Mar-95	10-Sep-96	(206) 574-1520
COLVIN	SEAN	37 Shepherd St.	Foxboro	MA		02035	29-Apr-98	18-Feb-20	(508) 698-3825
CONRAD	KELLY	Box 69	Wyola	MT		59089	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(406) 343-2956
CORBERAN	RAQUL	c/F. C. D'Alcol 64,3,7 46700 Gandia	Valencia Spain	SP			22-Nov-95	11-Mar-97	(96) 292-3044
CORDON	SUSAN	124 North 3800 East	Rigby	ID		83442	18-Oct-95	11-Mar-97	(208) 745-6556
COVINGTON	ESTHER	2071 South 50 East	Orem,	UT		84058	29-Oct-97	20-Apr-99	(801) 226-1831
CRAPO	ERIC	1938 E 600 N	St Anthony	ID		83445	21-Feb-96	03-Feb-98	(208) 624-7637
CRISER	BRENT	6843 Valley Brook Dr.	Charleston	WV		25312	03-Sep-97	17-Aug-99	(304) 984-1540
CROCKETT	NICHOLAS	214 Overhill Dr.	Lexington	VA		24450	06-Aug-97	15-Jun-99	(540) 463-9876
CRONK	JENNIFER	1024 Geneva Ct.	El Dorado Hills	CA		95762	31-Dec-97	20-Apr-99	(916) 933-2546
CROOKSTON	NICOLE	2080 East Highway 101	Hyrum	UT		84319	06-Aug-97	26-Jan-99	(801) 245-4255
CROSBY	JARED	P.O. Box 881	Eagar	AZ		85925	11-Sep-96	25-Aug-98	(520) 333-2731



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CROWLEY	JARED	12070 Narcissus Rd	Jackson	CA		95642	26-Jul-96	03-Jun-97	(209) 223-0963
CULLISON	JAMES	130 E 3250 N	N Ogden	UT		84414	24-May-95	08-Apr-97	(801) 782-5173
DALEY	GABRIEL	1295 Hunt Rd.	Manteca	CA		95337	21-Feb-96	30-Dec-97	(209) 239-6134
DAVIDSON	LISA	156 North Park Dr.	Vacaville	CA		95688	04-Dec-96	22-Apr-97	(707) 446-2837
DAVIS	PRESTON	114 Willow Street	Layton	UT		84041	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(801) 544-1521
DE GIORGIO	AMBER	1125 East 3200 North	N Ogden	UT		84414	26-Aug-96	21-Dec-97	(801) 782-3853
DE GOOYER	BRETT	3520 Senna Way	Grand Junction	CO		81506	22-Nov-95	30-Sep-97	(970) 241-6065
DEPP	CATHERINE	1039 Pukana Street	Hilo	HI		96720	09-Oct-96	31-Mar-98	(808) 959-4150
DESPAIN	NATHAN	490 W. 500 N	St. George	UT		84770	12-Mar-97	27-Jan-99	(435) 673-9113
DICKEY	KENNETH	212 18th Street	Wellsville	OH		43968	29-Apr-98	18-Feb-20	(330) 532-3787
DOVER	WILLIAM	1595 W Highway 56	Beryl	UT		84714	17-Jan-96	25-Nov-97	(801) 439-5524
DUDLEY	MARNEY	1890 South Park Lane	Orem	UT		84058	06-Nov-96	30-Apr-97	(801) 225-5880
DUNFORD	CHAD	2742 Louis Ave	Salt Lake City	UT		84109	02-Feb-95	07-Jan-97	(801) 484-8438
DUNTON	ERIC	126 S. 625 E.	Enterprise	UT		84725	04-Feb-98	14-Jan-20	(801) 878-2565
DUPAIX	JOHN	887 Serpentine Way	Sandy	UT		84094	09-Apr-97	16-Feb-99	(801) 571-3249
DURFEE	SHAWN	1016 S Desertrock Dr.	Rexburg	ID		83440	17-Jul-96	23-Jun-98	(208) 356-3459
DYCHES	JOHNATHAN	P.O. Box 54	Spring City	UT		84662	26-Oct-94	08-Oct-96	(801) 462-3171
EAGAR	ERIC	P.O. Box 4158	Salem	OR		97302	24-May-95	06-May-97	(503) 363-2361
EDSTROM	SCOTT	730 1/2 S W	Rexburg	ID		83440	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(208) 356-7595
ELWELL	RIAN	6625 North 5750 West	American Fork	UT		84003	21-Apr-96	23-Mar-98	(801) 756-0700
ENGSTROM	JARED	7167 "C" Street	Springfield	OR		97478	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(541) 747-3547
ERICKSON	NATHAN	15 S 400 W.	Logan	UT		84321	04-Feb-98	14-Jan-20	(435) 752-3952
ESMOND	JOSEPH	6215 Madeline Dr	Newark	CA		94560	08-Apr-98	24-Jun-98	(510) 790-1188
EVANS	JARED	5041 Alabama St # 189	El Paso	TX		79930	15-May-96	28-Apr-98	(915) 565-5087
FARNSWORTH	FRANKLIN	349 West 60 North	Lindon	UT		84042	29-Jun-94	11-Jun-96	(801) 785-1320
FARRELL	KRISTA	163 S. Fairway Dr.	North Salt Lake	UT		84054	09-Apr-96	22-Sep-98	(801) 296-1587
FAUTIN	M.	733 Ninth Avenue	Salt Lake City	UT		84103	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(801) 596-7405
FIELDSTED	DALLON	H.C. 65 Box 25	Mountain Home	UT		84051	12-Feb-97	23-Dec-98	(801) 454-3856
FISHER	JACOB	738 SW 4th	Gresham	OR		97080	26-Apr-95	08-Apr-97	(503) 661-0642
FITZGARRALD	JONATHAN	246 Fox Hills Dr	Westlake Village	CA		91361	16-Aug-95	01-Jul-97	(805) 496-2304
FLANDERS	BRYAN	475 East 400 South	Centerville	UT		84014	11-Sep-96	25-Aug-98	(801) 295-4767
FOOTE	JOHN	2361 South 4300 West	Taylor	UT		84401	17-Jul-96	23-Jun-98	(801) 731-4099
FOSTER	JULIE	155 West E st.	Galt	CA		95632	26-Nov-97	18-May-99	(209) 745-1947
FRANCIS	LAURA	865 S 100 East	Farmington	UT		84025	20-Sep-96	07-Jan-97	(915) 949-0667
FREDERICK	KIMBERLEE	799 Dichlcoo Dr.	N. Versailles	PA		15137	31-Dec-97	20-Apr-99	(412) 673-5704
FRISTROM	OTSO	Kulakuvantle 1B Helsinki 87	Finland	FI			18-Oct-95	24-Oct-97	(90) 698-4040
FROERER	ABBIE	2313 West 800 North	Provo	UT		84601	06-Nov-96	28-Apr-98	(801) 375-5711
GAMACHE	KEVIN	7395 Golden Star Ave	Riverside	CA		92506	09-Mar-98	08-Apr-98	(909) 780-2171
GANTUGS	LKHAGVASUREN	Box 287	Erdenet		Mongolia		12-Feb-97	22-Dec-98	
GARDNER	ROBERT	183 N 500 W	Heber	UT		84032	23-Jul-96	04-Jun-98	(801) 654-2616
GARDNER	RYAN	HC 76 Box 45	Beryl	UT		84714	04-Dec-96	17-Nov-98	(801) 439-5468
GIBB	RYAN	1932 S. California Ave	Provo	UT		84606	04-Dec-96	17-Nov-98	(801) 356-3723
GILBERT	MICHAEL	8375 N Sixth Ave	Freano	CA		93720	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(209) 436-1439

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GLAD	CHARLOTTE	7678 Steffensen Dr.	Salt Lake City	UT		84121	23-Aug-95	11-Feb-97	(801) 943-9963
GLAZIER	LARISA	1233 W. 6930 S.	Spanish Fork	UT		84660	09-Apr-97	22-Sep-98	(801) 798-7702
GLEASON	HIEDI	7145 Knights Bridge Road	Canby	OR		97013	12-Mar-97	26-Aug-98	(503) 266-5332
GOFF	JAMES	1349 S. 3200 E.	Malta	ID		83342	04-Feb-98	03-Dec-99	(208) 645-2496
GOODRICH	ROCHELLE	P.O. Box 760215	Tridell	UT		84076	26-Jul-95	07-Jan-97	(801) 823-7743
GOODSELL	JEFFREY	261 W. Chaparral	Blythe	CA		92225	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(801) 563-3371
GOURLEY	JEFFERY	520 E 16th	Jerome	ID		83338	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(208) 324-3304
GREEN	CORY	3053 South Davis Boulevard	Bountiful	UT		84010	11-Sep-96	30-Jan-98	(801) 296-6143
GUJARDO	JULIA	2201 Willow Creek #169	Austin	TX		78741	12-Jun-96	28-Oct-97	
HADFIELD	JOHN	968 Grandvile RD	Brigham City	UT		84302	11-Sep-96	28-Jul-98	
HADLEY	RUSTON	289 East Balsam Drive	Centerville	UT		84014	08-Nov-96	20-Oct-98	(801) 292-0889
HAHL	RANI	2700 Stoneridge Dr.	Blue Springs	MO		64015	24-May-95	05-Nov-96	(816) 228-0868
HAIGH	DANILO	222 West 2nd North	Rigby	ID		83442	01-Mar-95	11-Feb-97	
HALE	ADAM	1733 College ST	Philomath	OR		97370	01-Feb-95	07-Jan-97	(541) 929-2442
HALES	CASEY	3359 North Eden Hills Drive	Eden	UT		84310	28-Sep-94	10-Sep-96	(801) 745-4182
HALL	JON	91 Stonegate Ln.	Streamwood	IL		60107	08-Jan-97	17-Nov-98	(630) 837-3087
HALL	STEVEN	P.O. Box 2111	Lebanon	OR		97355	03-Sep-97	17-Aug-99	(541) 451-5118
HALVERSON	MARK	25519 Plaza Chlva	Valencia	Ca		91355	29-Apr-98	18-Feb-20	(805) 259-1101
HAMMOND	BENJAMIN	4160 McClay Rd.	St. Charles	MO		63304	29-Oct-97	14-Sep-99	(314) 936-2547
HANKINS	MARK	238 W 100 S	Brigham City	UT		84302	26-Jul-95	01-Jul-97	(801) 723-2176
HANNON	DAVID	108 Loma Vista Ave	Taft	CA		93268	23-Aug-95	05-Aug-97	(805) 765-6581
HARRIS	DAVID	826 S 3600 W.	Logan	UT		84321	20-Sep-95	02-Sep-97	(801) 753-5882
HARRISON	ELWIN	703 North 400 West	Paul	ID		83347	09-Oct-96	22-Sep-98	(208) 532-4637
HARTLEY	LORRAINE	P.O. Box 598	Cardston AB TOK	CA	Canada		22-Jan-97	26-Jan-99	(801) 942-7537
HASTINGS	DANIELLE	P.O. Box 276 468 Monroe St	Afton	WY		83110	01-Feb-95	16-Jul-96	(307) 886-3527
HEATON	RONALD	121 Kuhl Dr.	Amacoco	LA		71403	22-Nov-95	07-Feb-97	(318) 238-3051
HEBERT	PETER	2382 SW 4th St.	Miami	FL		33135-3134	29-Oct-97	12-Oct-99	(305) 642-5738
HEIDEMAN	GREGORY	56 East 100 North	Hurricane	UT		84737	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(801) 635-3212
HEIDENREICH	JOSHUA	248 Allene Rd	Collerville	TN		39017	21-Feb-96	13-Feb-96	(901) 854-6632
HELLEWELL	TAYLOR	237 W. 100 N.	Brigham City	UT		84302	12-Feb-97	22-Dec-98	(713) 975-1291
HEMEON	MARC	8812 Skokie Ln	Vlenna	VA		22182	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(703) 281-6913
HENDERSHOT	KEMISH	1283 Gosling Way	Eagle	ID		83616	07-May-97	23-Mar-99	(208) 939-4525
HENDERSON	BRACKEN	769 N 4900 W.	Dayton	ID		83232	12-Mar-97	25-Feb-99	(208) 747-3485
HENDRICKS	BRENDA	6075 South 4390 West	Salt Lake City	UT		84118	08-Jan-97	23-Jun-98	(801) 963-3891
HENDRICKSON	DARREN	2206 First ST	LaGrande	OR		97850	24-Jan-96	30-Dec-97	(541) 863-8361
HEPWORTH	RILEY	87 N 100 E #52	Hurricane	UT		84737	26-Oct-94	08-Oct-96	(801) 635-4586
HERBERT	JONATHAN	2567 East Bengal Blvd #11	Salt Lake City	UT		84121	31-Dec-97	07-Dec-99	(801) 942-3947
HILLAM	JOSEPH	266 W Allen St.	Perry	UT		84302	23-Aug-95	05-Aug-97	(801) 734-9128
HINES	NATHAN	535 N 8th E	Min Home	ID		83647	09-Oct-96	18-Aug-98	(208) 587-6714
HODSON	BENJAMIN	16805 NE 88th St	Redmond	WA		98052	29-Mar-95	11-Mar-97	(206) 882-0852
HOFFMAN	ERIK	2462 E Vall Cr	Sandy	UT		84093	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(801) 942-5125
HOLBROOK	JUSTIN	8080 E. Corte Del Joven	Tucson	AZ		85750	25-Nov-97	25-Aug-99	(520) 298-3864
HOLT	CALVIN	98 N. 100 W.	Enterprise	UT		84725	24-Jan-96	25-Nov-97	(435) 878-2452



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HOLYOAK	NATHAN	1488 West 4980 South	Taylorsville	UT		84123	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(801) 268-0544
HOSKINS	TYSON	309 East 650 South	Farmington	UT		84025	11-Sep-96	25-Aug-98	(801) 451-2129
HUFF	JUSTIN	3697 West 6800 South	Spanish Fork	UT		84660	20-Mar-96	03-Mar-98	(801) 798-6065
HUFFORD	SARAH	8228 Millview Dr	Cincinnati	OH		45249	11-Sep-96	03-Mar-98	(513) 489-6315
HUMPHREY	KATHERINE	75422 Merserve Rd	Rainier	OR		97048	21-Feb-96	01-Jul-97	(503) 556-9131
HUNT	BRADY	2033 N Blue Mountain Rd	Blanding	UT		84511	23-Aug-95	05-Aug-97	(801) 678-3497
ISON	DANIEL	1371 Goldmill Way	Columbus	OH		43204	06-Nov-96	20-Oct-98	(614) 276-2272
JACOBS	NICHOLAS	4700 S. 700 E.	Salt Lake City	UT		84107	12-Mar-97	27-Feb-99	(801) 262-2096
JAMES	IAIN	107 Pine Street	Lakehurst	NJ		08733	09-Apr-97	23-Mar-99	(908) 657-5891
JENKINS	BRENT	3290 Gorsuch Road	Nashport	OH		43830	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(614) 454-0944
JENSEN	STEVEN	960 E 800 N.	Price	UT		84501	20-Sep-95	03-Aug-97	(801) 637-6796
JOBRAK	EDWARD	3818 Pestana Way	Livermore	CA		94550	07-May-97	23-Mar-99	(510) 447-7348
JOHNSON	TYLER	3534 13th Place	Kenosha	WI		53144	28-Sep-94	10-Sep-96	(414) 553-9225
JOHNSON	DANIEL	P.O. Box 3044	Santa Clarita	CA		91386	06-Nov-96	20-Oct-98	(805) 252-3259
JOHNSON	DUANE	2560 N 3000 W	Delta	UT		84624	14-Aug-96	28-Jul-98	(801) 864-3107
JONES	CORY	1908 Olive Lane	Rapid City	SD		57701	03-Aug-94	16-Jul-96	(605) 348-7465
JONES	JASON	2432 St. Clair	Idaho Falls	ID		83404	08-Jan-97	22-Dec-98	(208) 522-2680
JONES	CODY	132 North 755 West	Blackfoot	ID		83221	14-Oct-96	11-Nov-97	(208) 684-3480
JONES	THAD	2731 Sarecta Rd	Pink Hill	NC		28572	21-Jun-96	06-May-97	(910) 298-3671
JORDAN	DANIEL	691 Wooton Way	Blackfoot	ID		83221	03-Sep-97	17-Aug-99	(208) 785-5488
KETCHAM	SHANNON	1390 Denny Rd	Meadville	PA		16335	02-Jul-97	21-Oct-98	(814) 382-4103
KEYS	JENNIFER	2571 Verna Way	Sacramento	CA		95821	20-Mar-96	01-Jul-97	(916) 483-3744
KIDMAN	TYLER	253 West 1050 North	Logan	UT		84321	28-Sep-94	13-Jul-96	(801) 753-3043
KINKERBOCKE	DEBORAH	204 W 1st N.	Tooele	UT		84074	21-Feb-96	05-Aug-97	(801) 882-2820
KING	ADAM	3874 W. Dimrall Dr.	Taylorsville,	UT		84118	04-Feb-98	07-Dec-99	(801) 967-3608
KINGHEN	DRUE	41238 Hwy 931	Gonzales	LA		70737	01-Mar-95	11-Feb-97	(504) 622-1369
KOWALLIS	JEFFREY	13094 Sunlit Court	Moreno Valley	CA		92553	12-Feb-97	26-Jan-99	(909) 653-8962
KREIN	KRYST	3350 S Eagle Rock Road	American Falls	ID		83211	14-Aug-96	28-Jul-98	(208) 226-2576
KREIPL	JERRY	235 E 300 S	Millville	UT		84326	29-Mar-95	11-Mar-97	(801) 753-3677
KUNZLER	MONT	14 South 1150 West	Paul	ID		83347	26-Aug-96	25-Jul-98	(208) 438-5206
LANKTON	MICHAEL	5811 Chicago Avenue South	Minneapolis	MN		55417	03-Sep-97	17-Aug-99	(612) 861-2391
LARNERD	DAN	#1 Tenth Street	Dunbar	WV		25064	09-Oct-96	22-Sep-98	(304) 768-8153
LARSON	GREGORY	725 N 2600 E	St Anthony	ID		83445	23-Aug-95	05-Aug-97	(208) 624-3384
LAWRY	MARLENE	#49 Henry St West Croydon SA 5008	Australia	AU			11-Jul-95	07-Jan-97	(08) 388-7035
LAYNE	RUTH	260 W 3rd South	Hyrum,	UT		84319	18-Feb-97	03-Feb-98	(801) 245-6836
LEAR	JONATHAN	266 N Alta ST	Salt Lake City	UT		84103	26-Jul-95	01-Jul-97	(801) 355-7020
LEAVITT	DANIEL	P.O. Box 291578 4167 Cayucas	Phelan	CA		92329	31-Aug-94	13-Aug-96	(619) 868-3982
LEE	JEFFREY	1462 Delphic	Pocatello	ID		83201	31-Dec-97	07-Dec-99	(208) 238-2696
LEE	JENNIFER	P.O. Box 156	Paradise	UT		84328	15-Jul-96	25-Nov-97	(801) 245-5440
LEFEVRE	AMY	150 W. Onelda	Preston	ID		83263	04-Jun-97	18-Nov-98	(208) 852-2490
LEMMON	BENJAMIN	1172 Fern St	Pocatello	ID		83201	04-Dec-96	21-Oct-98	(801) 344-5336
LIKES	JEFFREY	11364 Peconic Dr	Boise	ID		83709	26-Jul-95	01-Jul-97	(208) 362-1487
LINDSAY	BLYTHE	2070 Longden Circle	Los Allos	CA		94024	12-Feb-97	28-Jul-98	(415) 965-1414

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LLOYD	DIRK	Rt 1 Box 1012	Hermiston	OR	97838	20-Sep-95	19-Jul-97	(503) 567-9464
LONG	MARKUS	6910 246th Street E	Graham	WA	98338	09-Oct-96	22-Sep-98	(206) 847-4459
LONGTIN	MICHAEL	248 S. Prairie Ave	Bradley	IL	60915	15-Nov-95	28-Oct-97	(815) 937-4897
LOUGH	RYAN	4220 Ara Drive	Woodburn	IN	46797	09-Apr-97	23-Mar-99	(219) 749-0070
LOWE	DANIEL	2205 Sahalee Drive West	Redmond	WA	98053	28-Sep-94	13-Aug-96	(206) 836-2716
LOWRY	BOON	616 West 175 North	Layton	UT	84041	15-May-96	23-Jun-98	(801) 546-0919
LUNDBERG	CHRISTINA	2943 s 53rd St.	Milwaukee	WI	53219	29-Oct-97	21-Jul-98	(414) 871-3653
MAGNERE	ELEAZAR	Casilla 163, Vina Del Mar 1	Vina del Mar	Chile		12-Mar-97	27-Jan-99	
MAHONEY	DANIEL	3170 E 1200 S	Heber City	UT	84032	01-Feb-95	07-Jan-97	(801) 854-2749
MAIA	TANER	Rua Cravinas, 297 Esplanada	Belo Horizonte-Bra	MG	30280-1701	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(031) 467-5852
MANOOKIN	JAMI	2418 Campus Dr.	Sal Lake City	UT	84121	01-Feb-95	16-Jul-96	(801) 942-4114
MARQUEZ	EDWARD	23671 Sierra Oaks Drive	Murleta	CA	92562	24-Jan-96	30-Dec-97	(909) 677-0725
MARSHALL	TRAVIS	P.O. Box 731	Lyman	WY	82937	26-Apr-95	08-Apr-97	(307) 780-3059
MARTIN	DALEN	45776 Santa Rosa Cir.	Lancaster	CA	93535	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(805) 946-1557
MARTIN	HOLLIS	657 E. 1700S.	Orem	UT	84097	09-Oct-96	22-Sep-98	(801) 225-4240
MAUCHLEY	JASON	664 S. 1000 W	Tremonton	UT	84337	26-Jul-95	07-Jul-97	(801) 257-3579
MAZAL	EDUARDO	Zebruna 1060 Highland Park del Ivivo	CP 1683 Buenos	Argentina		04-Jun-97	24-Mar-99	(543) 207-0824
McCONNELL	CHARLES	726 East 700 South	Spanish Fork	UT	84660	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(801) 794-1044
McLEAN	GARRY	1505 Erin Place	Wenatchee	WA	98801	14-Jul-96	23-Jun-98	(509) 662-1470
MCMULLIN	JARED	165 N. 100 E.	Washington,	UT	84780	29-Oct-97	12-Oct-99	(465) 673-5882
MCMURDIE	BRIAN	1606 Cornwall Lane	Sachse	TX	75048	12-Jun-96	23-Jun-98	(214) 495-1887
McPHIE	DAVID	13142 Sundance Ave	San Diego	CA	92129	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(691) 484-1325
MENDEL	JOSHUA	13582 Prospect Ave	Santa Ana	CA	92705	18-Oct-95	02-Sep-97	(714) 838-0178
MENDENHALL	THOMAS	533 North 650 East	Lindon	UT	84042	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(801) 785-1850
MERKLEY	DIANNA	1095 N. Huckle Dr.	Bremerton	WA	98311	23-Aug-95	07-Jan-97	(360) 692-7997
MERRILL	LORINA	Rt 1 Box 33, 142 N Sybil Road	St. David	AZ	85630	09-Feb-98	09-Feb-99	(520) 720-4736
MERRILL	GLEN	Rt 1 Box 33, 142 N. Sybil Road	St. David	AZ	85630	09-Feb-98	09-Feb-99	(520) 720-4736
MERRILL	NATHAN	16545 S Main	Orem	UT	84058	28-Sep-94	10-Sep-96	(801) 765-0251
MICKELSEN	CASEY	687 North 800 East	Rupert	ID	83350	26-Aug-96	29-Jul-98	(208) 531-4421
MILLER	BENJAMIN	1729 Britf	Mount Vernon	WA	98273	28-Oct-94	08-Oct-96	(206) 424-9889
MOONEY	DON	2031 28th Ave SW	Calgary	AB	T2T 1k4	09-Oct-96	22-Sep-98	(403) 244-6890
MORALES	MORONI	816 Bayway Avenue	Elizabeth	NJ	07202	12-Jun-96	28-Apr-98	(908) 289-8725
MOREHOUSE	JODELLE	2614 NW 108th St.	Vancouver	WA	98685	16-Aug-95	03-Dec-96	(206) 576-2879
MORGAN	GINA	3610 S.W. 32nd Avenue	Hollywood	FL	33023	26-Nov-97	18-May-99	(954) 983-3578
MORRIS	KISIAH	500 Timber Lane	Matthews	NC	28105	04-Jun-97	20-Oct-98	(704) 846-2730
MORTENSEN	AMANDA	573 1st AWW E.N.	Kalspell	MT	59901	20-Dec-95	06-May-97	(406) 257-2002
MORTENSEN	FRANCIS	2861-F Ritchie Rd	Hagerman	ID	83332	21-Jun-95	06-May-97	(208) 837-4048
MORTENSEN	CHRISTOPHER	P O Box 1585	Chinook	MT	59523	01-Feb-95	07-Jan-97	(406) 357-3776
MOSS	ELIZABETH	236 Harvard	Rexburg	ID	83440	11-Sep-96	11-Sep-97	(208) 356-9844
MOSS	CHRISTOPHER	275 South 900 West	Blackfoot	ID	83221	04-Dec-96	17-Nov-98	(208) 684-3800
MOULTRIE	CHAD	371 North Seemore	Kaysville	UT	84037	04-Jun-97	18-May-99	(801) 444-0984
MUNNS	RONDA	2194 W. 7125 S.	West Jordan	UT	84084	20-Mar-96	02-Sep-97	(801) 566-9728
NAVARRO	RAUL	8321 Crespl Blvd #2	Miami Beach	FL	33141	02-Jul-97	15-Jun-99	(305) 866-0815

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NELSON	EDWARD	3182 W. 8475 So.	West Jordan	UT		84088	22-Nov-95	08-May-97	(520) 558-2334
NELSON	EMMA	8848 So. 3850 We	West Jordan	UT		84088	22-Nov-95	08-May-97	
NELSON	MATTHEW	1092 Walden Wood Dr	Murray	UT		84123	26-Jul-95	01-Jul-97	(801) 268-1659
NELSON	MICHELLE	28701 Mira Vista	Laguna Niguel	CA		92677	04-Dec-96	28-Apr-98	(714) 364-1336
NELSON	BRANDON	P O Box 487	Hatch	UT		84735	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(801) 735-4200
NELSON	AMIE	21812 34th Ave. S.	Seattle	WA		98198	11-Sep-96	03-Mar-98	(206) 824-6645
NESTMAN	CHAD	3849 Glade Hollow Way	Bountiful	UT		84010	20-Sep-95	03-Sep-97	(801) 298-2060
NEWCOMER	KEITH	O N 108 Evans	Wheaton	IL		60187	13-Oct-98	02-Dec-98	(630) 668-4352
NEWMAN	MARIAN	100 North 190 West	Smithfield	UT		84335	09-Apr-97	17-Dec-97	(801) 563-0060
NICELER	BROCK	128 Honeybuckle Lane	Huntington	WV		25701	17-Jul-96	23-Jun-98	(304) 523-6746
NIELSEN	SUSAN	2554 Central Park Cir	Salt Lake City	UT		84118	18-Oct-95	03-Apr-97	(801) 969-2665
NOBLE	LAURA	7622 Robinson Road	Kuna	ID		83634	08-Jan-97	23-Jun-98	(208) 466-4571
OLIVER	JEFFREY	777 S. 400 E. #70	St. George	UT		84770	29-Apr-98	18-Mar-00	(435) 652-1349
OLSEN	TRAVIS	544 South Oakview Lane	Bountiful	UT		84010	07-May-97	20-Apr-99	(801) 292-7887
OLSON	DUSTIN	4030 Bristol St.	Boise	ID		83704	28-Sep-94	10-Sep-96	(208) 322-0171
ORCHARD	BENJAMIN	3751 Boonshoro Road	Richmond	UT		40475	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(606) 527-9937
ORTON	DARIN	10807 So "D" Street	Island City	OR		97850	09-Oct-96	22-Sep-98	(541) 963-8830
OWENS	BEN	13645 N Rimrock Rd	Hayden Lake	ID		83835	31-Aug-94	13-Aug-96	(208) 772-7812
PALMER	RICK	261 E Cherry St	Grantsville	UT		84029	01-Mar-95	11-Feb-97	(801) 884-6061
PALMER	LANCE	3835 North 4000 West	Morgan	UT		84050	28-Sep-94	10-Sep-96	(801) 876-3063
PASKETT	JUSTIN	347 South 100 West	Logan	UT		84321	09-Apr-97	23-Mar-99	(801) 787-2225
PAYNE	DON	2544e 3300 S. # 3	Salt Lake City	UT		84109	24-Jan-96	30-Dec-97	(801) 484-5084
PEAD	NATHAN	2931 Springcreek Rd	Fairview	WY		83119	21-Jun-95	06-May-97	(307) 886-9731
PEHRSON	MICHAEL	P O Box 641-432 S 1st E	Monticello	UT		84535	01-Feb-95	07-Jan-97	(801) 587-2570
PEMBERTON	ROBERT	P.O. BOX 250 122 Elma St.	Copalls Beach,	WA		98535	01-Oct-97	17-Aug-99	(360) 289-0948
PENA	JARED	3306 Southview Dr	Fort Smith	AR		72903	21-Jun-95	06-May-97	(501) 646-4144
PEREZ	MIGUEL	El Salado 747 P.16 Vic Mack la Florid	Santiago		Chile		01-Apr-98	21-Jan-00	(000) 285-5684
PHILBRICK	DAVID	1014 E PI	Mesa	AZ		85203	04-Dec-96	06-Aug-97	(602) 890-1193
PHIPPEN	WENDY	4528 Ponderosa St	Chubbuck	ID		83202	11-Sep-96	03-Mar-98	(208) 237-1097
PILKINGTON	WALTER	675 North Wabash	Idaho Falls	ID		83404	24-Feb-97	06-Aug-97	(208) 524-3700
PILKINGTON	JOAN	2200 Bryan Ln	Idaho Falls	ID		83404	24-Feb-97	02-Aug-97	(208) 524-3700
PITTS	JANA	4260 N. Timpview Dr.	Provo	UT		84606	20-Sep-95	11-Mar-97	(801) 225-1995
PLATT	MERRI	50 S 3rd St	Cambridge	ID		83610	01-Mar-95	16-Jul-96	(208) 257-3563
PLUNKETT	KARIN	P O Box 768	Callente	NV		89008	24-May-95	05-Nov-96	(702) 726-3300
POFFENBERGER	KYLE	P O Box 204	Halifax	PA		17032	25-Nov-96	25-Sep-97	(717) 896-8011
POOR	STEVEN	656 Altair	Littleton	CO		80124	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(303) 649-9280
PORTER	SAMUEL	57 E park Dr.	Kaysville	UT		84037	21-Jun-95	06-May-97	(801) 544-8087
POTOKAR	DAVID	1290 East 2750 North	North Ogden	UT		84414	08-Jan-97	18-Nov-98	(801) 782-5677
POVEY	AARON	2479 Povey Rd	American Falls	ID		83211	03-Sep-97	20-Jul-99	(208) 226-2196
POWELL	BRANDON	4037 N Frilo Ave	Covina	CA		91722	11-Sep-96	25-Aug-98	(818) 814-9638
PRATT	DAVID	P O Box 879 154 E Center St	Gunnison	UT		84634	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(801) 528-7225
PRESTWICH	JENIFER	785 Terrace Dr.	Idaho Falls	ID		83402	12-Feb-97	28-Jul-98	(208) 523-7885
PYLES	JASON	Rd 2 Box 245	Moundsville	WV		26041	12-Feb-97	26-Jan-99	(304) 843-1518

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RAGLAND	LA DUSKA	1052 N. 2725 W.	Layton	UT		84041	02-Jul-97	22-Dec-98	(801) 546-2597
RASMUSSEN	MATT	418 S Palsade Dr.	Orem	UT		84058	21-Feb-96	08-Aug-97	(801) 225-6232
REYES	JEANIE	Colonia Viaducto Piedad	Mexico	DF		06850	22-Nov-95	06-May-97	(213) 721-1979
RHOADES	JONATHAN	1901 South 17th	Laramie	WY		82070	12-Jun-96	26-May-98	(307) 742-3745
RICHARDS	CORBY	3865 Stanley Lane S	Salem	OR		97302	14-Aug-96	28-Jul-98	(503) 363-5311
RIGBY	BRENT	778 N 300 East	Brigham City	UT		84302	20-Sep-95	02-Sep-97	(801) 723-7635
RIGTRUP	KEVIN	16315 186th Ave SE	Renton	WA		98058	04-Mar-98	04-Feb-00	(425) 271-1614
ROBERTS	NIEL	355 West 4800 South	Preston	ID		83263	12-Jun-96	26-May-98	(208) 852-2462
ROBERTS	ELLIOTT	1459 N 200 W	Centerville	UT		84014	26-Apr-95	08-Apr-97	(801) 298-2222
ROBINSON	JARED	1350 South 400 East	Springville	UT		84663	12-Feb-97	26-Jan-99	(801) 489-8156
ROBINSON	DIANE	15813 Crying Wind Drive	Tampa	FL		33624	01-Apr-98	24-Aug-99	(813) 961-7393
ROBINSON	MARILYN	RR 1 Box 406P	Addison	AL		36540	01-Mar-95	16-Jul-96	(205) 747-2737
ROCKWELL	MONICA	241 2nd West	Tooele	UT		84074	11-Sep-96	11-Sep-97	(801) 882-6667
RODRIGUEZ	AGUSTIN	535 North First St. Apt #A	El Cajon	CA		92021	06-Aug-97	20-Jul-99	(619) 401-1228
ROGERS	MARY	3853 S. 775 W.	Bountiful	UT		84010	02-Jul-97	02-Oct-98	(801) 292-8011
ROMINE	CHRISTIE	6047 Main Ave #9	Orangevale	CA		95662	11-Sep-96	03-Mar-98	(916) 989-9202
ROSA	DAVID	12712 Roberto Way	Poway	CA		92064	06-Aug-97	20-Jul-99	(619) 748-9715
ROSE	KARILEE	4036 Quail Dr.	Provo	UT		84604	20-Sep-95	11-Mar-97	(801) 226-2208
ROSS	MICHAEL	428 South Main	Star	ID		83669	26-Oct-94	10-Sep-96	(208) 286-7013
ROWLEY	Steven	270 West 200 North	Hyrum	UT		84319	12-Mar-97	23-Feb-99	(801) 245-6604
ROYCE	DARREN	4362 Parkview Dr.	Salt Lake City	UT		84124	29-Apr-98	21-Jul-98	(801) 273-8517
RUGG	JAMES	25 Buchanan Pl.	Allen	TX		75002	01-Mar-95	11-Feb-97	(214) 396-1074
SADLER	BRIAN	4305 South Charles Dr.	West Valley	UT		84120	31-Aug-94	13-Aug-96	(801) 966-1391
SALISBURY	JOSEPH	1215 Forest Ridge Road	Sandy	UT		84094	12-Jun-96	28-Apr-98	(801) 572-5284
SAMPSON	NANCY	4122 South 1045 East	Salt Lake City	UT		84124	12-Jun-96	25-Nov-97	(801) 262-6322
SAN JUAN	NICOLAS	33-21 Junction Blvd	Jackson Heights	NY		11372	04-Jun-97	18-May-99	(718) 424-3496
SAVAGE	DAVID	2972 Fairview Drive	Nyssa	OR		97913	08-Jan-97	30-Jul-97	(541) 372-3602
SCHAFER	GILBERT	Box 29	Babb	MT		59411	20-Sep-95	02-Sep-97	(403) 653-2825
SCHIEFELBINE	ROZLIND	3100 Sunny Wood Dr	Fullerton	CA		92635	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(714) 870-0464
SCHIESS	BRANDEN	478 West 675 South	Victor	ID		83455	28-Sep-94	10-Sep-96	(208) 787-2930
SCHOFIELD	MARSHALL	113 fawn Ridge	Macomb	IL		61455	22-Nov-95	01-Nov-97	(309) 837-4808
SCOTT	HEATHER	547 Alpine Dr.	Elk Ridge	UT		84651	24-May-95	05-Nov-96	(801) 423-1506
SEARS	JUSTIN	12334 Autumn Fieta	San Antonio	TX		78249	01-Feb-95	07-Jan-97	(210) 696-0791
SEDGWICK	BRIAN	5809 Sierra Grande Dr.	Taylorville,	UT		84118	01-Oct-97	14-Sep-99	(801) 967-9406
SEEGMILLER	MARK	916 E. 160 S.	Orem	UT		84097	29-Oct-97	14-Sep-99	(801) 224-2557
SHEAR	JACOB	361 E. Rail Road	Plains	MT		59859	29-Oct-97	12-Oct-99	(406) 826-4104
SHEELY	JOHN	P O Box 2846	Rock Spring	WY		82902	26-Jul-95	01-Jul-97	(307) 362-6025
SHEFFIELD	DARIN	1300 Earford Dr.	Pittsburg	PA		15227	22-Nov-95	28-Oct-97	(412) 885-3913
SHELTON	NATHANIEL	484 E. 3450 N.	N. Ogden	UT		84414	21-Jun-95	03-Jun-97	(801) 786-8601
SHEPHERD	KIRK	14435 No. Cheshire	Burton	OH		44021	01-Oct-97	11-Aug-99	(440) 834-1348
SHEPHERD	BOYD	9084 Double Down Ct	Sandy	UT		84093	28-Dec-94	07-Dec-96	(801) 943-0933
SHERMAN	JERRY	27 West 300 South	Farmington	UT		84025	12-Jun-96	28-Apr-98	(801) 451-7039
SHIELDS	LINDSAY	974 Rolling Woods Way	Concord	CA		94521	01-Oct-97	23-Feb-99	(925) 825-6835



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SIANA	NUKALOFA	P O Box 1102	Tauese, Apia, W	SA			22-Nov-95	06-May-97	(000) 002-8376
SIEMS	LUCAS	3920 E 100 N	Rigby	ID		83442	29-Mar-96	11-Mar-97	(208) 745-8228
SMALL	JARED	351 Shelley Ave	Shelley	ID		83274	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(208) 357-5126
SMALL	MICHAEL	5063 Lucky Clover Lane	Murray	UT		84123	08-Jan-97	22-Dec-98	(801) 266-8016
SMITH	ERIN	1129 Prince Phillip Dr.	London, Ontario, C			N6H4E7	26-Nov-97	23-Mar-99	(519) 473-1827
SMITH	STEPHEN	510 S 380 W	Tooele	UT		84074	09-Apr-97	23-Mar-99	(801) 882-6148
SMITH	DAVID	690 Barley Sheaf Rd	Coatesville	PA		19320	19-Jan-96	25-Sep-96	(610) 380-1033
SMITH	MELANIE	7 Locust Place	North Plainfield	NJ		07060	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(908) 753-0622
SMITH	JARED	2556 W Brucemont Dr	Salt Lake City	UT		84118	23-Nov-94	05-Nov-96	(801) 969-6216
SMITH	ANDREA	18 Belmont Dr.	Chelmsford	MA		01824	23-Aug-96	07-Jan-97	(508) 256-0129
SMITH	GARRISON	RD # 1 Box 370	Northfield	VT		05663	18-Oct-95	28-Oct-97	(802) 485-8883
SNOW	CORBIN	905 W Leigh Dr.	Charlottesville	VA		22901	24-May-95	08-Apr-97	(804) 295-3682
SOUTHERN	GREGORY	4456 S 3420 W	West Valley City	UT		84119	26-Apr-95	08-Apr-97	(801) 966-7550
SPACKMAN	KELLY	3640 N 3000 W	Benson	UT		84335	11-Sep-96	25-Aug-98	(801) 753-2927
STANGER	TIFFANY	1040 W. 200 N.	West Bountiful	UT		84087	04-Mar-98	27-Jul-99	(801) 292-5814
STARK	BETHANY	24525 Columbine Dr.	Philmath,	OR		97370	29-Oct-97	23-Mar-99	(541) 929-4967
STEVENSON	MICHAEL	410 W. Riverside Ave.	Kellog	ID		83837	22-Nov-95	28-Oct-97	(208) 783-8261
STEWART	JACOB	1068 Lookout	Prineville	OR		97754	28-Dec-94	07-Dec-96	(503) 447-1148
STIVER	CAMERON	160 W. Main / PO Box 132	Fielding	UT		84311	21-Feb-96	03-Feb-98	(801) 458-3623
STORMS	JARRED	16878 Glendower	North Edwards	CA		93523	12-Feb-97	23-Dec-98	(619) 769-4550
STOTT	LEO	35 North Main, P.O. Box 63	Meadow,	UT		84644	01-Oct-97	17-Mar-99	(801) 842-7104
STOTT	LAUREL	35 NORTH MAIN P.O. Box 63,	MEADOW	UT		84644	01-Oct-97	17-Mar-99	(801) 842-7104
STOVALL	SUZANNE	3340 Coventry Court	Fremont	CA		94536	17-Jul-96	17-Jul-97	(510) 792-4026
STREENZ	MARY	103 S Oak	Normal	IL		61761	01-Feb-95	16-Jul-96	(309) 452-4510
STYER	DAVID	142 Pasbehegh Dr.	Williamsburg	VA		23188	19-Oct-97	12-Oct-99	(757) 253-8768
THEOBALD	SHANE	6516 Calle Altamira	Pleasanton	CA		94566	11-Sep-96	28-Jul-98	(510) 484-0870
THOMPSON	NEPHI	2170 K Road	Austin	CO		81410	31-Aug-94	13-Aug-96	(303) 835-3424
THOMSON	JAMES	13704 South 2860 West	Riverton	UT		84065	20-May-96	28-Apr-98	(801) 254-0565
THURBER	JAMES	5102 N. Decatur Dr.	Bolse	Id		83704	20-Mar-96	03-Feb-98	(208) 327-9902
THURGOOD	NATHAN	561 N 2000 W	West Point	UT		84015	01-Mar-95	11-Feb-97	(801) 825-4564
THURMAN	PATRICK	917 Terrace Hills Dr.	Salt Lake City	UT		84103	22-Nov-95	28-Oct-97	(801) 534-0804
TIPPETTS	TYLER	750 South 700 West	Payson	UT		84651	10-Jun-96	26-May-98	(801) 465-4117
TOLMAN	RANDY	644 Cypress Way	Twain Falls	ID		83301	12-Mar-97	27-Jan-99	(208) 734-5967
TOPPING	MICHAEL	312 Cordova Drive	Santa Barbara	CA		93109	06-Nov-96	20-Oct-98	(805) 963-6547
TRACY	MATTHEW	P.O. Box 197	Almo	ID		83312	04-Dec-96	21-Oct-98	(208) 824-5503
TRUSCOTT	CHRISTOPHER	560 east 200 South	Nephil	UT		84648	04-Dec-96	25-Feb-97	(801) 623-0102
VAN DAMME	SANDER	Schutselaan 4	Netherlands	NE			20-Sep-95	02-Sep-97	(011) 315-2451
VANCE	BRIAN	1992 Summer Wood Drive	Farmington	UT		84025	15-May-96	28-Apr-98	(801) 451-6386
VANEGAS	ALBA	Transv 30 # 101-61	Bogota	CO			01-Feb-96	16-Jul-96	(000) 256-0289
WALDRIP	EMILY	18122 Gloria Circle	Villa Park	CA		92667	26-Aug-96	31-Dec-97	(714) 639-2216
WALKER	GEORGE	Rural Route 3 Box 118	Colman	SD		57017	04-Dec-96	17-Nov-98	(605) 534-3103
WANG	WEN-YA	8F, #1, Lane 6, Chiang-Nan 10th Sire	Taoyuan, Taiwan		R.O.C.	330	06-Nov-96	28-Apr-98	(03) 379-1873
WARD	JULIE	1902 North 775 West	West Bountiful	UT		84087	04-Dec-96	28-Apr-98	(801) 295-9878

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WARD	DARRELL	463 Morgan Ave	Ontario	OR		97914	18-Oct-96	15-Jul-96	(503) 881-0161
WARD	MATTHEW	1167 Eastridge Dr.	Logan	UT		84321	17-Jul-97	17-Jul-97	(801) 752-8720
WATTS	ADAM	2798 Victorian Drive	Riverton	UT		84065	04-Dec-96	17-Nov-98	(801) 254-5812
WEBB	DAVID	2868 Mapletree Drive	Orange	CA		92667	12-Jan-98	17-Mar-99	(714) 637-1757
WEBSTER	SHANNON	20 Radcliff Drive	Doyelstown	PA		18901	09-Oct-96	03-Mar-98	(215) 340-1939
WEIMER	TRAVIS	675 East Canyon Road (Box 36)	Monroe	UT		84754	15-Jul-96	23-Jun-98	(801) 527-4478
WEIMER	SHAWN	2636 West 1000 South	Rexburg	ID		83440	28-Sep-94	12-Aug-96	(208) 356-7934
WELLS	WILLIAM	181 North 200 East	Blackfoot	ID		83221	09-Oct-96	26-Aug-98	(208) 785-5623
WESLEY	MARCUS	29471 Fletcher Ln	Walker	LA		70785	01-Feb-95	18-Dec-96	(504) 665-0111
WEST	JOSEPH	5696 Sun Ridge Ct.	Castro Valley	CA		94552	08-Jan-97	22-Dec-98	(510) 537-9203
WESTON	HERBERT	103 Evans Lane	Evanson	WY		82930	04-Dec-96	17-Nov-98	(307) 789-0405
WHITELEY	KODEY	791 West 600 North	London	UT		84042	12-Mar-97	23-Feb-99	(801) 785-6277
WIGGINS	JACOB	162 Bennetts Bridge Road	Mount Olive	NC		28365	14-Aug-96	28-Jul-98	(919) 658-5411
WILCOCK	GUILA	Box 451 228 N 5th St.	Panaca	NV		89042	26-Jul-95	07-Jan-97	(702) 728-4456
WILDE	BRANDON	114 Red Crow Blvd West	Lehighbridge	AB	Canada	T1K 5M1	17-Jul-96	23-Jun-98	(403) 381-1812
WILLIAMS	AUSTIN	224 N 500 E	Orem	UT		84057	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(801) 225-0574
WILLIAMS	BRIAN	3045 Corkwood Circle	St. George	UT		84790	26-Oct-94	08-Oct-96	(801) 634-1547
WILLIAMS	KERI	10079 North Willow Cour	Cedar Hills	UT		84062	26-Aug-96	31-Dec-97	(801) 785-0712
WILLIS	THOMAS	1245 S 400 W	Genola	UT		84655	26-Oct-94	08-Oct-96	(801) 754-3010
WILLOUGHBY	AMY	808 Sugar Grove Road	Owingsville	KY		40360	12-Mar-97	25-Aug-98	(606) 674-2451
WILSON	MARTIN	Box 236	Paris	ID		83261	04-Feb-97	07-Dec-99	(208) 945-2728
WINWARD	MATHEW	966 N 1400 W	Preston	ID		83263	28-Dec-94	03-Dec-96	(208) 852-1813
WISE	JEREMIAH	360 Farber Dr.	Payette	ID		83661	31-Dec-97	19-May-98	(208) 642-9731
WOLF	PATRICK	6206 N. Atlantic	Portland	OR		97217	08-Jan-97	22-Dec-98	(503) 287-0519
WONG	UALANI	2212 Obispo Circle	Las Vegas	NV		89108	04-Dec-96	01-Apr-98	(702) 631-5087
WOOD	NATHAN	4510 North 35th Street	Arlington	VA		22207	06-Nov-96	22-Sep-98	(703) 243-3690
WOODEN	JASON	5038 Elizabeth	Chubbuck	ID		83202	20-Dec-95	25-Nov-97	(208) 237-4431
WRIGHT	DAVID	PO Box 462 240 E 5th St	Shoshoni	WY		82649	01-Mar-95	11-Feb-97	(307) 851-1021
WUTHRICH	EMILY	276 West Center Street	Bountiful	UT		84010	02-Jul-97	22-Dec-98	(801) 295-8960
YANCEY	JASON	3506 South Hartford	Kennewick	WA		99037	25-Nov-96	25-Sep-97	(509) 582-6607
YANEZ	JUAN	Calle Lavrel Case #18 Unidad Hab. d	Manzanillo, Colima	MX		28219	01-Oct-97	12-Oct-99	
YOUNG	HEATHER	9448 S. Bexley Dr.	Highlands Ranch,	CO		80126	01-Oct-97	23-Mar-99	(303) 470-3596
YOUNGBLOOD	DALEN	944 West 500 North	Provo	UT		84601	21-Feb-96	03-Feb-98	(801) 375-2293
ZACHER	MEGAN	2065 S. Sorrento Dr.	Woods Cross	UT		84087	07-May-97	20-Oct-98	(801) 298-4458
ZELECHOWSKI	DENISE	P.O. Box 108	Pinkerel	WI		54465	08-Jan-97	23-Jun-98	
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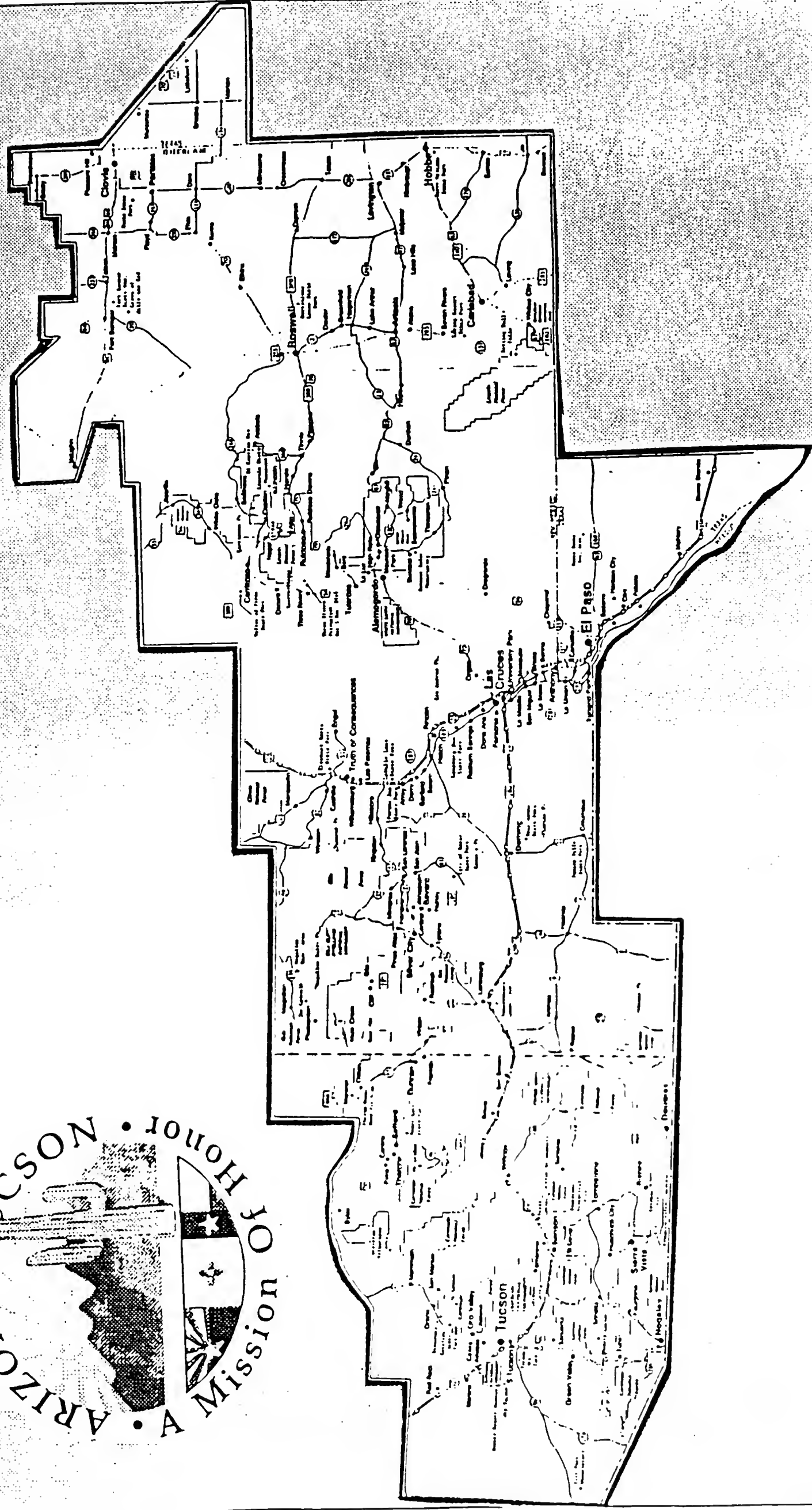


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# ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION





*Welcome  
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# WELCOME TO THE ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION!

The Arizona Tucson Mission is one of the great and historic Missions of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We began July 1, 1990, having been created from parts of the New Mexico Albuquerque and Arizona Tempe Missions. We have great expectations because we know the field is "white already to harvest."

This Mission Manual contains valuable suggestions which will help smooth your transition into the Mission Field, and gives you guidelines for maximizing your effectiveness as a missionary. Further guidelines are found in the Area Book and your White Handbook.

We are glad you are here! We look forward to our association with you and we feel confident that you will make your mission an outstanding one.

## Arizona Tucson Mission Presidency

President Douglas R. McKinlay  
President Monty Kennedy, 1st. Counselor  
President Robert Andron, 2nd. Counselor

## Mission Office Staff

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Financial Secretary	Elder Baker
Mission and President's Secretary	Sister Andrus
Referral Secretary	Sister Baker
Baptism Records Secretary	Sister Andrus
Vehicle Advisor	Elder Baker
Apartment Coordinators	Elder and Sister Christensen

The staff is organized to handle the business of the Mission in order to free our missionaries for proselyting work.

The Mission office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Office telephone numbers are: (520) 577-7076, toll free: (800) 611-2062 and fax: (520) 577-6364.

## **ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION POLICIES**

### **Mission Line of Communication:**

In most situations, the following line of communication should be followed: Missionary to District Leader to Zone Leader to Assistants to the Mission President.

Missionaries are expected to remain in their areas at all times except by prior permission. Following are the established levels for granting permission:

**Permission to leave Area:** District Leader

**Permission to leave District:** Zone Leader through District Leader

**Permission to leave Zone:** President through Zone Leader

Regardless of the foregoing, there is always a direct line of communications to the President for guidance and counseling regarding confidential or personal matters, and for emergencies. The Mission Home phone numbers are (520) 577-7562 and (800) 291-4556; the Mission Office numbers are (520) 577-7076 and (800) 611-2062.

### **Companionship:**

You have an assigned companion. You are to be with that companion at all times. The only exceptions are when you are on exchanges with the Zone Leaders, District Leaders, or Assistants to the President. Please observe this policy religiously.

Do not allow companionship differences to create disunity and thus disrupt the work. Hold companionship inventories often. Companionship inventory is a set period of time begun by prayer when the two members of the companionship discuss needs, likes, dislikes, goals, objectives, etc. of the companionship. It should be a time for a display of Christlike love and the development of a higher level of unity.

Two companionships of the opposite sex may not have any activities together, including meals after District meetings, or on preparation day.

## **Dress Policy:**

### **Elders**

Suits are to be worn to:

- 1) All Sunday Meetings.
- 2) Baptismal Services and Baptismal Interviews.
- 3) Meetings with General Authorities, Stake Presidents, Mission President and public and/or political leaders.
- 4) All Zone Conferences and District Meetings.
- 5) While proselyting from November 15th to February 15th unless advised of a change by Mission President.
- 6) When departing the mission during "Delta" Transfer.
- 7) No lapel or suit pins.

No "Docker" type slacks or 100% cotton slacks. Only suit type slacks.  
How you look should strengthen what you say.

### **Sisters**

- 1) No tee-shirts while proselyting or form fitting attire.
- 2) Nylons to be worn at all times while proselyting.
- 3) No sandals, open toe or open heel shoes.
- 4) Clear or light colored nail polish only.

## **Music Policy:**

It is permissible to have a small portable play-back device for sending and listening to tapes from your family. You may also have eight hours of music consisting of LDS artists, Church Music, or classical music at least 100 years old (done as originally scored by classical artists) so that you can listen to uplifting and soft spiritual music in your apartment. No personal musical instruments are permitted (i.e. guitars, harmonicas, etc.).

### **Book Policy:**

The following books are approved:

1. The Standard Works
2. *Jesus the Christ* by James E. Talmage
3. *Articles of Faith* by James E. Talmage
4. *A Marvelous Work and a Wonder* by LeGrande Richards
5. *Truth Restored* by Gordon B. Hinckley
6. *Gospel Principles*
7. *Living by the Power of Faith* by Gene R. Cook
8. *Our Search for Happiness* by M. Russell Ballard

Building your personal library or music collection should not be done while on your mission. Make a list of the books you think you want and buy them when you get home. If you need to refer to another book, use the local church library, but do not check out books.

### **Mission Phone and Pagers Policy:**

Each companionship is issued a pager. It is to be used for proselyting purposes only. You are encouraged to use member phones and non-pay phones whenever possible. Your trainers will instruct you on the use of pagers. The pager is assigned to an area, and stays in the area at transfer time.

Telephone calls are to be made for mission purposes only. No telephone calls are to be made outside your Area without permission from the appropriate leader. All phone calls are to be made prior to 9:30 pm. You are reminded that only two calls home are authorized each year: Mother's Day or Father's Day and Christmas. THESE CALLS ARE TO BE COLLECT.

### **Game Policy:**

All card games, including UNO should be sent home. Board games such as Risk, chess, checkers, etc. should be played only on P-Day. Video and arcade games of any kind should not be played. This includes hand held or home based types.

### **No Contact Sports:**

This includes football, baseball and hockey. Basketball and softball are authorized for exercise purposes. Missionaries should not participate in competitive athletic events whether or not sponsored by the Church.



### **Preparation Day Clothing:**

Missionary attire must be worn during preparation day activities away from the apartment. This would include such activities as shopping, laundry, visits to museums, historical sites and other similar activities.

### **Apartments:**

Missionary apartments are to be kept clean at all times. Monthly inspections will be performed by District or Zone Leaders. Quarterly inspections will be performed by Apartment Coordinators. You will "sign in" or "sign out" at transfers and will be held responsible for any apartment damage. It is necessary to maintain a clean and orderly environment to have the Spirit dwell there. Missionaries may not receive visitors in their apartments.

### **Medical Needs:**

Missionaries serving in an area west of Silver City should get permission from your District Leader or Zone Leader to call the office for Sister Andrus or Sister McKinlay at (520) 577-7076 for medical help. For those serving east of Silver City, call Sister Andron at (915) 587-0215. If Sister Andron is unavailable, call the Mission Office. In case of emergency and no one is in the Office, please call President or Sister McKinlay at (800) 291-4556 or (520) 577-7562. If you do not get authorization from one of the above, you are not covered by **MISSIONARY MEDICAL**. After you pay the \$10 co-payment, have the doctor send the balance to Missionary Medical (address on the back of your medical card). There is also a \$5 co-payment for each prescription. Please pay the co-payment at time of service. We remind you that pre-existing conditions are not covered. Co-payments are to be made from your monthly support allowance.

### **Mail Policy:**

Use full name, including initials, on your mail. All mail will be sent through the Mission Office and will be forwarded to your current address. Have all correspondence and packages sent **first class mail** through the U.S. Postal Service. Anything else cannot be forwarded. If you are corresponding with anyone outside of the United States, additional postage is required. Only letters can be sent through the "pouch." UPS and 4th class mail cannot be forwarded; priority and first class can. Do not cover the stamps on any outgoing mail with clear tape; it will be returned as tape invalidates the stamp. No intra-mission correspondence with anyone. No member computer usage, E-Mail, or Internet access.

### Mission Car Policy:

Missionary cars are for proselyting purposes only. **THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR P-DAY ACTIVITIES.** Every Arizona Tucson missionary **MUST** have a valid Driver's License and be certified through the Mission Fleet Coordinator in order to drive a mission car.

It is **REQUIRED** that the non-driving companion remain outside of the car to assist during all backing up. **This rule is absolute.** If you are involved in an accident while backing up, and both companions were in the vehicle, both companions will have their driving privileges reviewed or revoked. Refer to your Area Book for further information.

Elders and Sisters may drive together to District meetings, Zone Conferences, or transfers only.

### Bicycle Policy:

Each Elder will be required to have a bicycle. A helmet, front light, and reflectors are required. All items are the financial responsibility of the missionary. Bicycles should be locked to a stationary object whenever the missionary is away from the bicycle. If the bicycle is stolen, it will be the responsibility of the missionary to purchase a replacement.

### Weekly President's Letter:

The following is a list of items which should be included in your weekly letter to the Mission President:

- Your physical, mental and spiritual status.
- Your relationship with you companion, your District Leader and Zone Leaders, and Ward members.
- Your spiritual experiences.
- Information about investigators or recent converts.
- Goals that you have set for yourself, your companionship, etc.
- Your feelings about your Mission.
- Any special problems that need to be brought to the President's attention.

**IMPORTANT:** Items of a personal, confidential nature should *not* be included in your normal weekly President's letter but should be sent in a separate letter directed to the Mission President and marked *confidential* on the envelope.

## MISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Daily Requirements:

- Arise at 6:30 daily.
- Personal prayers to begin each day.
- Individual study for one hour daily.
- Companionship study out of Missionary Guide daily.
- One scripture memorized daily (or working on it).
- Mission Prayer 9:30 A.M.
- Leave apartment right after prayer every day.
- Apartment kept neat and clean (daily straightening up).
- In apartment by 9:30 P.M. each night.
- Exercise one half hour daily (except Sunday).
- Personal prayers at the close of each day.
- Companionship prayers at the end of each day.
- In bed by 10:30 P.M. every day.
- Strive daily to excel as a missionary.
- Strive daily to live a Christ-like life.

### Weekly Requirements:

- Shopping limited to P-Day only (except in emergency).
- P-Day well planned.
- Weekly letter sent to family.
- Weekly letter sent to Mission President.
- Mission car cleaned and kept in good running order.
- Journal entry up to date.
- Weekly correlation meeting held with Ward Mission Leader.
- Weekly planning done prior to correlation meeting.
- White Missionary Handbook read out of each P-Day.
- ATM Mission Handbook read out of each P-Day.
- Laundry done on P-Day only.

### Monthly Requirements:

- Dinner appointments confirmed daily and in sufficient time.
- No soliciting of dinner appointments.
- Dinner appointments limited to one hour.
- "Thank you" notes given or sent to every family after dinner.
- Spiritual message or discussion on principle/concept.
- Consistently solicit referrals from them.
- All long distance communication approved by the Mission President.
- Refrain from talking to family and friends. Refrain from talking with either missionaries or members regarding matters other than missionary work.
- No phone calls after 10 P.M.
- No letter or phone calls to opposite sex in mission boundaries.
- Monthly expenditures sheet accurately and promptly reported.

No money spent on selfish or unneeded items.

All unauthorized books, tapes, magazines, music and "things" sent home.

Maximum miles on car strictly observed.

Fast offering paid each month to the Bishop of the ward where you are serving.

**Dress and grooming standards strictly observed. Always look and act like who you are--A representative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.**

Always be in the presence of your companion.

Sickness and accidents reported.

Spirituality and punctuality always observed.

Opposite sex never allowed into apartment except to give a blessing.

Member Missionary Program promoted.

Investigators asked for referrals at least once.

All reports turned in on time. (Including car maintenance, milage, monthly expenditures, etc.).

#### Car and Bicycle Requirements:

Drive all cars and bicycles appropriately. Check oil and tires on the car every other time you fill up. More often if necessary.

### OBEDIENCE

Obedience is the first law of heaven, the cornerstone upon which all righteousness and progression rest. It consists of compliance with divine law, in conformity to the mind and will of Deity, in complete subjection to God and His commands. To obey gospel law is to yield obedience to the Lord, to execute the commands of and be ruled by Him whose we are.

Obedience is possible because of two things: (1) Laws were ordained by Deity so that his spirit children by conformity to them might progress and become like Him, and (2) the children of God were endowed with agency, the power and ability to either obey or disobey the divine will.

"We will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." (Abraham 3:25)

"...To obey is better than sacrifice." (Sam. 15:22-23)

"Though he were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all men that obey Him." (Heb. 5:8-9)

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

E-Mail Media Referrals 9/16/96

Please deliver to the MP and Referral Secretary ASAP

Dear President:

Thank you for your support in the goal to contact and teach a discussion to every media referral within 24 hours of their request. In the recent MTC satellite broadcast, the following media training instructions were given.

1. **"The mission office should distribute the referrals each day.** "The mission office secretary responsible for referrals should download all referrals each morning the office is opened and deliver or call out the referrals to the missionaries in the area where the referrals live". Referrals can be downloaded seven days a week usually by 8:00 A.M. EST.
2. **"Missionaries should promptly contact the referral, wherever possible within twenty-four hours."** When referrals were contacted within 24 hours "the missionaries taught six times more first and second discussions and were three times more likely to baptize the investigator as compared to those investigators who were not contacted for three or four days following the referral".
3. **"If the referral is not home, you should try to contact them by phone or try at other times of the day or evening when you have a break between scheduled appointments".** "If the referral lives in an outlying area or their schedule will not allow immediate personal contact, or the address is incomplete or only a post office box, or rural route number, you should first contact them by phone".
4. **"If they (the referral) are not home, you might call upon some of their neighbors"...**indicating that some of the neighbors in the area had seen a T.V. ad and ordered a free copy of the Book of Mormon...or a video. "You might then ask the neighbor whether they had seen any of the Church ads and , if so, what they remembered about the ad. This might give you an opportunity to then discuss a message on the Book of Mormon or the family and possibly share the message with the neighbor family".
5. **"Deliver the free offering".**
- 6 **"Teach a discussion and secure a return appointment"** "When the missionaries arrive at the home of the referral, the missionaries should after delivering the item offered, teach a discussion and seek further appointments. . . . You must realize that those persons for whom you receive referrals have generally agreed to listen to a presentation that lasts about an hour".

**" Remember that every name on a referral card represents a son or daughter of our Heavenly Father".**

Arizona Tucson Mission Song  
*A Mission of Honor*

Lyrics and Music by  
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# ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION

## *A Mission of Honor*

by Gary B. Youell

In the service of God we embark  
As guides to the weary, We bring light to dark.  
A marvelous work will come forth  
Knowledge and faith, patience and love,  
Kindness and hope, as sent from above.

(Chorus)

We are called to the work of the Lord,  
Uniting His families, embracing His word,  
We'll bring His salvation to souls.  
The field that is white we'll harvest today;  
Our standard of truth will show us His way.

(Chorus)

We ask and we know we'll receive  
His blessings and guidance to those in great need.  
We knock and the doors open wide.  
Our wards and our mission will firmly unite.  
In sharing the gospel we'll bring forth His light.

(Chorus)

Chorus:

In the Arizona Tucson Mission we pray  
To find, teach, and baptize, and truly obey.  
I teach by the Spirit and continually seek  
A Mission of Honor. I know it shall be,  
My Mission of Honor for thee.

Third Ending:

A Mission of Honor We know it shall be  
Our Mission of Honor for Thee.

## **President McKinlay's Expectations for Missionaries**

**Work harder and smarter**

**Plan every day**

**Obey all the rules**

**Keep the trust**

**Self reliance**

**Baptize and retain  
the converts**

**Be member friendly**

**Add value**

**Stay active after mission**

**Find a way to measure  
personal progress**

**Think outside the box**

## **President McKinlay's Expectations for Himself**

**Raise the vision of the mission**

**Be a worthy priesthood leader**

**Help teach how to baptize people with  
an eye to eternal salvation and exaltation**

**Interview all Elders and Sisters every  
four to six weeks**

**Work with the missionaries**

**Become a master teacher**

**Lead by the spirit**

## **Sister McKinlay's Expectations for Missionaries**

**Love one another**

**Build a greater personal relationship with  
the Savior**

**Support companion and mission president**

**Be an example**

**Be professional**

**Teach and train with the Spirit**

**Stay active after full-time mission**

## **Sister McKinlay's Expectations for Herself**

**Give unconditional love**

**Become closer to the Savior**

**Support President McKinlay and the  
missionaries**

**Strive to be an example**

**--health (balanced)**

**--professionalism**

**Teach and train with the Spirit**

# Harvest of Souls

*Bruce R. McConkie*

*27 June 1975*

**T**here is yet a great harvest of souls  
to be made before the coming of the son of Man.

In the day of wickedness  
just preceding our Lord's return  
there is to be a great harvest of souls.  
We live in that day; the day when the harvest is ripe.  
This is not a day of gleaning;  
but of harvest.

We are the Lord's agents.  
He has sent us forth to reap while the day lasts.  
He does not fail, neither does His word.  
When we do the things He expects of us,  
and which it is in our power to do,  
we shall reap the promised harvest.

The Millennial Era will not be ushered in;  
the Lord will not come to bring peace on earth;  
the year of His redeemed will not commence,  
until we have done the assigned labor.

This work is going to succeed.

It is absolutely guaranteed.

It is the eternal decree of the Lord.

# Standard of Truth

**O**ur missionaries  
are going forth in different nations.  
The standard of truth has been erected;  
no unhallowed hand can stop the work  
from progressing.

Persecutions may rage,  
mobs may combine, armies may assemble,  
calumny may defame; but the truth of God  
will go forth boldly,  
nobly and independent,  
till it has penetrated every continent,  
visited every clime, swept every country  
and sounded in every ear,  
till the purposes of God shall be  
accomplished,  
and the Great Jehovah shall say  
the work is done.

*Joseph Smith*



# Section 4 of the Doctrine and Covenants:

*A Companion to Your Study of the  
Doctrine & Covenants Vol. 1 pgs. 66-69.*

1. Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.
2. Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.
3. Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work.
4. For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;
5. And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.
6. Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.
7. Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Amen.

This Section (4) was given through the Prophet Joseph Smith to his father, Joseph Smith, Sen., at Harmony, Penn., February, 1829. Joseph Smith, Sr., was the first person to believe the story of the Prophet and encouraged him to continue faithful to the teachings of the angel... In Feb. 1829, he came to his son, the youthful prophet, and asked to know by revelation the will of the Lord. This section of the D&C is the result of that humble inquiry. *Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith says: "This revelation is very short, only seven verses, but it contains sufficient counsel and instruction for a life-time study. No one has yet mastered it. It was not intended as a personal revelation to Joseph Smith, but to be of benefit of all who desire to embark in the service of God. It is a revelation to each member of the Church, especially to all who hold the Priesthood. Perhaps there is no other revelation in all our scriptures that embodies greater instruction pertaining to the manner of qualification of members of the Church for the service of God, and in such condensed form than this revelation. It is as broad, as high and as deep as eternity. No Elder of the Church is qualified to teach in the Church, or carry the message of Salvation to the world, until he has absorbed in part at least, this heaven sent instruction."* (Joseph Fielding Smith CHMR 1:34-35)

**4:1 A MARVELOUS WORK IS ABOUT TO COME FORTH** The Book of Mormon is a marvelous work, no matter from what angle it is viewed. It was marvelous because it was brought to light by immortal hands. It was marvelous that a young man, with only a limited school education and poor as far as this world's riches go, should be called upon to translate and publish it. It is marvelous in the story it tells, the teachings it gives and the prophecies it contains. It is marvelous in the effects it has produced... However, the marvelous work is not confined to the coming forth of the Book of Mormon but has reference to all that pertains to the restoration in the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. (Smith & Sjodahl DCC pp. 23-24)

**4:2 SERVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIGHT, MIND AND STRENGTH.** "Because the Lord was about to begin a marvelous work among the children of men, he needed servants who were willing to give

## Missionary Work

themselves entirely to that work—“*heart, might, mind, and strength*,” that is affection, will power, reasoning faculty, and physical strength, all must be dedicated to the service of the Lord in this latter-day work.” (Smith & Sjodahl, p. 24)

**4:2 THAT YE MAY STAND BLAMELESS** “The preaching of the Gospel should be done in the spirit of the utmost humility and perseverance. Missionaries are commanded not to idle away their time, but to give to the Lord their heart and serve him with all their “*might, mind and strength*.” Every missionary who goes forth is under solemn obligation and pledge to bear testimony of the restoration of the Gospel, and witness of its truth. In doing this he leaves all who hear him without excuse and their sins are on their own heads. If he fails to do this then he will not “stand blameless before God at the last day” (Joseph Fielding Smith CHMR 1:343).

**4:3 IF YE HAVE DESIRES TO SERVE GOD, YE ARE CALLED.** *George Albert Smith said, “My understanding is that the most important mission that I have in this life is: first, to keep the commandments of God, as they have been taught to me; and next, to teach them to my Father’s children who do not understand them...It is not necessary for you to be called to go into the mission field in order to proclaim the truth. Begin on the man who lives next door by inspiring confidence in him, by inspiring love in him for you because of your righteousness, and your missionary work has already begun.”*

**4:4 THE FIELD IS WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.** “After the long night of apostasy, the world was filled with tradition, false doctrine and practice which were accepted as divine truth, since they had come down for hundreds of years. Error was venerable; people worshipped, as their fathers before them, the doctrines of men, as Isaiah declared. It was no small labor to go forth to reap the field, for the wheat had to be nurtured and carefully watered that it might grow to the harvest. Yet there were many who were waiting to hear the message of the restoration—choice spirits held in reserve to come forth in this great dispensation of the Fulness of Times. The need of laborers was great, but those available were few, yet they went forth in the power the Lord gave them, and none could stay them. Woe be to the man who sets his hand to the sickle and is not diligent, or who leaves the unharvested field. The Lord says of him that he stands in danger and may perish and lose salvation to his soul” (Joseph Fielding Smith).

**4:5,6 QUALITIES FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE.** The Lord provides two lists of characteristics that qualify a person for missionary work. The first list (faith, hope, charity, love ) appears to be general, and inclusive, while the second list (faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence,) seems to be more specific, although two terms, faith and charity, are common to both groups. *Joseph Fielding Smith again says: “It is true, we are engaged in warfare, and all of us should be valiant warriors in the cause which we are engaged. Our first enemy we will find within ourselves. It is a good thing to overcome that enemy first, and bring ourselves into strict obedience to the principles of life and salvation which he has given to the world for the salvation of men. When we shall have conquered ourselves, it will be well for us to wage our war without, against false teachings, false doctrines, false customs, habits and ways, against error, unbelief...”*

# Our Foreordained Missions

Elder John A. Widtsoe stated: "In our preexistent state, in the day of the great council, we made a certain agreement with the Almighty. He proposed a plan, conceived by him. We accepted it. Since the plan is intended for all men, we became parties to the salvation of every person under that plan. We agreed, right then and there, to be not only saviors for ourselves but measurably, saviors for the whole human family. *We went into a partnership with the Lord.* The working out of the plan became then not merely the Father's work, and the Savior's work, but also *our* work. The least of us, the humblest, is in partnership with the Almighty in achieving the purpose of the eternal plan of salvation."

President Ezra Taft Benson said: "For nearly six thousand years, God has held you in reserve to make your appearance in the final days before the Second Coming of the Lord. Every previous gospel dispensation has drifted into apostasy, but ours will not... God has saved for the final inning some of his strongest children, who will help bear off the Kingdom triumphantly. And that is where you come in, for you are the generation that must be prepared to meet your God.

"All through the ages the prophets have looked down through the corridors of time to our day. Billions of the deceased and those yet to be born have their eyes on us. Make no mistake about it—you are a marked generation. There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time as there is of us. Never before on the face of this earth have the forces of evil and the forces of good been as well organized...

"...Each day we personally make many decisions that show where our support will go. The final outcome is certain—the forces of righteousness will finally win. What remains to be seen is where each of us personally, now and in the future, will stand in this fight—and how tall we will stand.

Will we be true to our last-days, foreordained mission?"

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## You Were Measured Before You Came

Neal A. Maxwell: "When in situations of stress, we wonder if there is any more in us to give, we can be comforted to know that God, who knows our capacities perfectly, placed us here to succeed. No one was foreordained to fail or to be wicked. When we have been found wanting, let us remember that we were measured before we came and were found equal to our tasks, and therefore, let us continue, but with a more determined discipleship. When we feel overwhelmed, let us recall the assurance that God will not over-program us; he will not press upon us more than we can bear. The doctrine of foreordination is, therefore, not a doctrine of repose; it is a doctrine for the second-milers; it can draw out of us the last full measure of devotion. It is a doctrine of perspiration—not aspiration. Moreover, it discourages aspiring, lest we covet. It is a doctrine for the deep believer and will only bring scorn from the skeptic. God bless and keep you, to the end that you will carry out each and every assignment given to you so very long ago. You have been measured and found adequate for the challenges that will face you as citizens of the kingdom of God; of that you have a deep inner assurance. Be true to that trust, as all of us must.

If you can't stand your problems, try kneeling!

The trouble with opportunity is that it always comes disguised as work.

# Catch the Vision of Your Calling

In Doc. & Cov. Section 15: 6 the Lord said, *"And now behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father."* The Lord has explained why missionary work is so important *"Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God. And if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father. And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto Me"*. (D&C 18: 20, 15-16)

Elder Delbert L. Stapley said: "Your responsibility is great in the missionary cause. You are true servants of the Lord. You should honor the Lord in all that you do. You have been divinely commissioned. It is a call from the Lord through his servant the prophet. This is the greatest challenge of your life. If you can be successful here, you can succeed in life. This missionary service is the most meaningful and I firmly believe the most important work of your life. I don't know what work you could be engaged in as important as bringing souls to our Heavenly Father. There isn't a greater work you can be in than to bring souls to Christ. No one has a greater power at their disposal that you have."

The Prophet Joseph revealed a very important truth about those who receive missionary callings: "Every man who has a calling to minister to the inhabitants of the world was ordained to that very purpose in the Grand Council of heaven before this world was." Missionary work is so important that in the premortal existence each who was to serve as a missionary was foreordained to that calling.

Perhaps the greatest reason for missionary work is to give the world its chance to hear and accept the gospel. Pres. Kimball said: "If the people of the world knew what we had to offer them, there would be seven billion hands raised to ask us. You're going out to do the most sacred, the most important duty the Lord can give to man." The eternal effect of your message is so important that you will have to account for what you do with it. Joseph Smith said "Men not frequently forget that they are dependent upon heaven for every blessing which they are permitted to enjoy, and that for every opportunity granted them they are to give an account."

Your goal in going on a mission should be: First of all, to gain a spiritual conviction of the divinity of Jesus Christ; Second, to learn to be led by the Spirit; Third, to be molded by the Spirit so the Lord can make of you what He knew you could become when He sent you to earth; to teach the gospel to others as an emissary of Jesus Christ, thus building the kingdom of God.

# MY MISSIONARY COMMISSION

"I AM CALLED OF GOD. My authority is above that of the kings of the earth. By revelation I have been selected as a personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ, He is my master and He has chosen me to represent Him. To stand in his place, To say and do what He himself would say and do if He personally were ministering to the very people to whom He has sent me, My voice is His voice, and my acts are His acts; my words are His words. and my doctrine is His doctrine. My commission is to do what he wants done. To say what He wants said. To be a living modern witness in word and deed of the divinity of His great and marvelous latter-day work. **HOW GREAT IS MY CALLING!**"

Elder Bruce R. McConkie



# Arizona Tucson Mission

## Study Guide

This is based on 1 hr of Personal and 1 hr of Companion Study each day.				
Week	Book of Mormon Reading	Other Scripture Reading	Individual Study Topic	Missionary Guide Assignment
02 Jan	30 min. daily	Matthew 1-12	Nature of God	p. 4-19
09 Jan	30 min. daily	Matthew 13-23	Jesus-Son of God	p. 20-41
16 Jan	30 min. daily	Matthew 24-Mark 5	Prophets	p. 42-61
23 Jan	30 min. daily	Mark 6-16	Joseph Smith	p. 62-76
30 Jan	30 min. daily	Luke 1-8	Book of Mormon	p. 77-95
06 Feb	30 min. daily	Luke 9-19	Holy Ghost	p. 96-120
13 Feb	30 min. daily	Luke 20-John 5	Prayer	p. 121-148
20 Feb	30 min. daily	John 6-14	Testimony	p. 149-171
27 Feb	30 min. daily	John 15-Acts 6	Gifts of the Spirit	p. 172-199
06 Mar	30 min. daily	Acts 7-17	The Fall	p. 200-220
13 Mar	30 min. daily	Acts 18-Romans 2	Resurrection	p. 221-238
20 Mar	30 min. daily	Romans 3-1 Corinthians 1	Atonement	p. 239-252
27 Mar	30 min. daily	1 Corinthians 2-16	Faith	p. 4-19
03 Apr	30 min. daily	2 Corinthians 1-Ephesians 1	Repentance	p. 20-41
10 Apr	30 min. daily	Ephesians 2-1 Thessalonians 5	Baptism	p. 42-61
17 Apr	30 min. daily	2 Thessalonians 1-Hebrews 3	Gift of the Holy Ghost	p. 62-76
24 Apr	30 min. daily	Hebrews 4-James 5	Obedience	p. 77-95
01 May	30 min. daily	1 Peter 1-Jude 1	Humility	p. 96-120
08 May	30 min. daily	Revelation 1-20	Own Choice	p. 121-148
15 May	30 min. daily	Revelation 21-D&C 9	Source of Truth	p. 149-171
22 May	30 min. daily	D&C 10-20	Apostasy	p. 172-199
29 May	30 min. daily	D&C 21-35	Scriptures	p. 200-220
05 Jun	30 min. daily	D&C 36-41	Priesthood	p. 221-238
12 Jun	30 min. daily	D&C 45-56	Priesthood Org.	p. 239-252
19 Jun	30 min. daily	D&C 57-65	Restoration of the Gospel	p. 4-19
26 Jun	30 min. daily	D&C 66-76	Sacrament	p. 20-41
03 Jul	30 min. daily	D&C 77-87	Sabbath	p. 42-61
10 Jul	30 min. daily	D&C 88-95	Patience	p. 62-76
17 Jul	30 min. daily	D&C 96-103	Premortal Life	p. 77-95
24 Jul	30 min. daily	D&C 104-109	Free Agency	p. 96-120
31 Jul	30 min. daily	D&C 110-123	Postmortal Spirit World	p. 121-148
07 Aug	30 min. daily	D&C 124-132	Judgment	p. 149-171
14 Aug	30 min. daily	D&C 133-138	Temples	p. 172-199
21 Aug	30 min. daily	Official Dec. 1-Moses 5	Eternal Family	p. 200-220
28 Aug	30 min. daily	Moses 6-Abraham 3	Chastity	p. 221-238
04 Sep	30 min. daily	Abraham 4-Articles of Faith	Word of Wisdom	p. 239-252
11 Sep	30 min. daily	Gen. 1-3,6-9,15,17-18,22,27-28	Courtesy	p. 4-19
18 Sep	30 min. daily	Gen. 32,37,41,48-49;Ex.3-4,12-14	Own Choice	p. 20-41
25 Sep	30 min. daily	Ex. 19-20,29,33-34,40,Lev. 8,19,26	Clarity	p. 42-61
02 Oct	30 min. daily	Numb.6;Deut.4-6,10-11,26,30,32-34	Sacrifice	p. 62-76
09 Oct	30 min. daily	Josh.24;Judg.6-7,13;Ruth 1-4;1 Sam.3,12	Fasting	p. 77-95
16 Oct	30 min. daily	1 Sam.15-17;2 Sam.7,12;1 Kgs 3,17-19	Tithing	p. 96-120
23 Oct	30 min. daily	2 Kgs 1-2,5;1 Chr.-Esther;Job 1-3,19,28,33,38	Diligent Work	p. 121-148
30 Oct	30 min. daily	Psalms 1-2,8-9,15-16,22-25,27,30,33,37,45,48	Mission of Jesus Christ	p. 149-171
06 Nov	30 min. daily	Psalms 78,82,89-90,95-96,104,110,118,136,139,150; Proverbs 1-3,22,29-31	Exaltation	p. 172-199
13 Nov	30 min. daily	Ecc. 3-5,7,10-12;Isaiah 1,18,24-27,29,35,40,43	Service	p. 200-220
20 Nov	30 min. daily	Isaiah 44-45,50-55,58,60-66	Covenants	p. 221-238
27 Nov	30 min. daily	Jeremiah 1-3,16-18,23,30-33	Missionary Work	p. 239-252
04 Dec	30 min. daily	Lam.4;Ezek 3,11,18,20,33-34,37	Gathering of Israel	p. 4-19
11 Dec	30 min. daily	Daniel 1-5,7-12	Kingdom of God on Earth	p. 20-41
18 Dec	30 min. daily	Hosea 12-14;Amos 2-4,7-9;Micah 1-2;Joel 1 3; Jonah 1-4	Example	p. 42-61
25 Dec	30 min. daily	Micah 4-7;Hab. 2;Zeph. 1;Zech. 2-3,9,12-14; Nahum 1;Ilag. 1;Mal. 1-4	Own Choice	p. 62-76



*You're Special . . .*

*In all the world there's nobody like you.*

*Nobody has your smile.*

*Nobody has your eyes, nose, hair or voice.*

*You're Special . . .*

*No one laughs like you or cries like you.*

*No one sees things just as you do.*

*No one reacts just as you would react.*

*You're Special . . .*

*You're the only one in all creation who has your set of abilities.*

*Your unique combination of gifts, talents and abilities are an original symphony.*

*You're Special . . .*

*You're rare.*

*And in all rarity there is great value.*

*You need not imitate others, you will accept – yes, celebrate – your differences.*

*You're Special . . .*

*And you're beginning to see that God made you special for a very special purpose.*

*God has a job for you that no one else can do as well as you do.*

*Out of all the applicants only one is qualified.*

*That one is you*

*Because . . . You're Special!*

***President Kimball:*** “Your Mission is preparation. It is your School for Eternity. You won’t forget that, will you? This mission is not just a two-year stretch. This is the time when you cultivate the seeds of Godhood so that you can help other people on their way toward exaltation. How small are we who think of the mission as just being a stretch of time, some physical thing to do, a little studying to do, some praying. This is the most purposeful thing, perhaps, you will ever do. It is up to you to let this be the prelude to your life, to let it be the beginning of a great and glorious life.”

## PREPARING TO RECEIVE AND TEACH BY THE SPIRIT

Elder Gene R. Cook

The following suggestions will help you better prepare yourself and the hearts of others to receive and teach by the Spirit.

1. **Pray.** Invite the Spirit into your preparation and your teaching. Ask for help to better understand the needs of all people you are called to teach so that you can say what the Lord would have you say. Ask others to pray for you and for themselves while you teach. (See 3 Nephi 17:2-3, 20:3; Alma 31:5; D&C 32:4.)
2. **Use the Scriptures.** They are the words of the Lord to us, and the Spirit of the Lord will speak through them to all, young and old. (See 2 Nephi 32:3; Alma 31:5; D&C 32:4)
3. **Testify.** If you follow his prompting, the Lord will direct you to testify frequently to his children. As you do so, the message will be transmitted to and have a more powerful effect on the hearts of God's children than anything else. (see 2 Nephi 33:1; Alma 4:19; 5:44-47)
4. **Use music.** When you are prompted, sing the songs of Zion especially those about the Savior and his atoning sacrifice. Help those you teach prayerfully concentrate on the messages as you sing the hymns together. (See 1 Samuel 16:23; Matthew 26:30; Colossians 3:16; D&C 25:12)
5. **Express love to God and man.** Let everyone you teach know that you love the Lord and them. Testify and express love openly for God and for them. They will feel the Spirit because of your love for them. (See John 13:34-35; 1 Nephi 11:21-23; Moroni 7:47-48)
6. **Share spiritual experiences as appropriate.** Gospel principles that are received spiritually are permanently impressed upon the soul. Share as appropriate your own experiences and the experiences of others that have had personal impact upon you. (See Luke 10:25-37; Acts 26:1-32; D&C 50:21-22)
7. **Lead others to receive the ordinances of the gospel.** Through the ordinances the power of godliness is manifested (see D&C 84:20). Many beautiful messages are revealed and blessings received through the ordinances. Ponder their meaning and communicate the wonder of the insights they inspire. Encourage others to seek for priesthood blessings. (See 3 Nephi 20:2-9; D&C 124:40-41)

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## Missionary Weekly Report

Reporting week (day and month) / to /	Year	Missionary's name
Zone and district		Companion's name
Address		Telephone

Convert Baptisms*			Scheduled for Baptism*		
List the full name of the persons baptized this week	Date baptized	Age	List the full name of each person or family scheduled for baptism	Number of potential converts* scheduled for baptism and the date of baptism	
1			1		
2			2		
3			3		
4			4		
5			5		
6			6		
List the names of individuals or families who were scheduled for baptism this week, but were not baptized	Reason		Plans for follow-up, new date, etc.		

**Letter to the President** Please sign and date your letter on the reverse side.

If you desire to keep the letter to the mission president strictly confidential, detach at perforation and send it to the mission president in a separate envelope marked "personal."

Health			Personal preparation			
Number of hours or days missed due to illness		Describe	How many days this week did I— Read from the Book of Mormon?			
			Study other scriptures?			
Did you see a doctor this week?			Use the <i>Missionary Gospel Study Program</i> booklet?			
			Study the language (if applicable)?			
Money spent on medication or medical care			Number of <i>Missionary Guide</i> assignments completed this week			
Proselyting			Convert Retention			
Total number of hours proselyting this week—			Record the number of converts who were baptized in the proselyting area where you are currently assigned.	Last month's total	This month's total to date	
Service						
Number of hours spent this week in community service			Number of people baptized			
Activation						
Number of hours spent this week visiting and working with the less active			Number of these people who attended church meetings last Sunday			
Missionary Support Fund or General Missionary Fund Expenses						
Housing	Food	Proselyting materials	Travel	Other	This Week's Total	Month to Date Total
Personal Expenses						
Record the amount of personal money spent					This Week's Total	Month to Date Total

Letter to the President (continued)

Missionary's signature

Date

# DESERT PLANT AND WILD LIFE

## Yucca

Green palm-like shrub with one or more upright branches. Height averages between 10-17 feet. Found in central Arizona and Central New Mexico. Indians use leaves for making baskets and found leaves and roots as emergency food during droughts. The soapy roots have been used also as a soap substitute.



## Saguaro

Protected by law, this columnar-shaped cactus living up to 150-200 years, growing an estimated 10 years per foot. At night in May and June the Saguaro blossoms the Arizona state flower usually visited by nectar feeding bats. Capacity of water allows blooming even in droughts. Fruits are important food for Indians, and the seeds found inside ground into a pulp was used as butter. Inside ribs are used for Indian house building. Woodpeckers and Elf owls dig homes into the sides. Greatest enemy is the lightning.



## Agave

Also known as the century plant. Grows 10-14 feet high with dangerously sharp spines. The stout stalk takes many years to blossom, (but not a century). The yellow flowers face upward in June through August. After blooming, the Agave shortly dies. Sometimes the Indians used the agave as lances, soap and medicine.



## Barrel Cactus

Large barrel-shaped with reddish yellow flowers found in April and May. Covered by large sharp spines. Its scientific name ferocactus acanthodes is the Latin word feox meaning "fierce." The Barrel Cactus is used for making candy.



## Prickly pear

Many species, most conspicuous, many varieties often grown locally as well as in free habitats. Low mounds of flat spiny oval pads are found with bright yellow or magenta flowers. Flowers blossom wide with many petals similar to our Mission logo. Flower May-July.



## Ocotillo

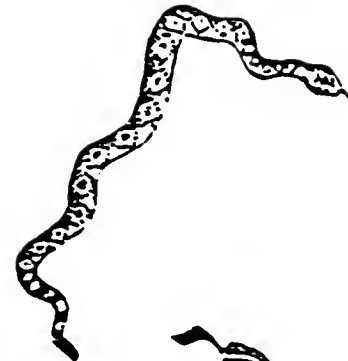
Tall thin funnel-like plant with woody, spiny, straight stems. Blooms March through June, found in open stony slopes with 11 different species. The Ocotillo has a strange growth of leaves after rain, but withers and dies when the soil dries.





### **Diamondback Rattlesnake**

A black patterned snake with light bordered diamonds. Found in desert brush, rocky canyons and along river beds (dry or running). Be aware when disturbed, the Diamondback usually stands its ground shaking a it's buzzing rattle for warning. Active in day and night during hot summer months. Venom is fatal. Sometimes the Diamondback is called the "Coon-tail rattler," because of its white tail strips that are unlike other snakes. The oldest living Diamondback known lived 26 years.



### **Gambel's Quail**

The American Desert Quail is unique with the tear drop shaped plume on the head. The song is a loud cackling call usually of three syllables. The second syllable is accented and pitched the highest. This quail lives in desert brush and thickets. Quail can often be found drinking the dew off plants and other objects early mornings.



### **Peccary**

Peccary known best as the Javeline and found mostly in Arizona. Pig-like snouts and almost straight tusks and hooves. Active in early morning and late afternoon in herds of 6-30, shelter underground or caves. They mostly eat prickly pears and other cacti, spine and all.



### **Gila Monster**

18-24 inches long with spots of black and yellow, orange or pink blotches. Lives mostly in holes and primarily nocturnal. The only venomous lizard that poison is not injected like a snake by fangs, but flows into the open wound as the Gila monster chews on its victim.



### **Road Runner**

An elongated terrestrial bird. Famous for its unusual behavior and quick escape from of predators by running very fast for it seldom flies. Listen for its morning song: Cooo Cooo Cooo Cooo-ah Coo-Ah. The Road Runner feeds on insects, scorpion, lizards and snakes!



### **Coyote**

The wild Coyote is the best runner in the desert at 40 miles an hour and can leap 14 feet. Hunting small prey, the Coyote will leave dog like tracks, but prints are found in a straight line with hindprints slightly smaller. From a distance a Coyote running is distinguished by it's tail down.



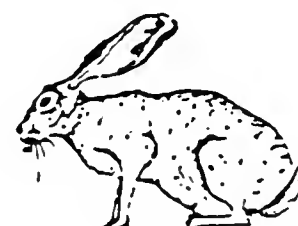
### **Tarantula**

Hairy grey to dark brown spider found in desert soil. The female living up to twenty years. The largest of the other desert spiders can be seen after rain while their burrows drain of water. The tarantulas venom is no more poisonous than that of a Bees.



### **Jack Rabbit**

Well adapted to the desert climate like other animals, the Jack is active late afternoon and in the mornings. On hot days the long ears point upwards with dilated blood vessels giving off heat to cool the body. Cool days the ears are found close to the body with constricted vessels. The Jack Rabbit eats grasses, prickly pear and mesquite. Their habitation is always near their homes for easy retreat.



### **Jumping Cholla**

Extremely spiny, the cholla's dark trunks support larger branches that flower in late spring and summer. Found in dry sandy soils such as valleys, plains and slopes. The title 'jumping' comes from those who passing by a cholla have experienced when the segmented limbs covered with spines jumped out and attack them when their backs were turned. Sharp barbed spines cause painful wounds which are difficult to remove.



## Arizona Tucson Mission

### Health Tips for Missionaries

#### WASH UP (Psalms 24:4,5):

- ☺ More communicable diseases (germs) are spread by hand-shaking than by any other method.
- ☺ Washing your hands is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of disease and germs.
- ☺ Wash, using hot water and soap; scrub for at least 30 seconds.
- ☺ Wash your hands after using the bathroom, after sneezing, coughing, and blowing your nose, after playing with the dog, before preparing food or eating, after Church meetings, after Zone Conferences, and so on.
- ☺ Wash your hands as soon as it is reasonably possible to get to a place to wash your hands.

#### CLEAN UP:

- ☺ "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."
  - a. Wash your dishes immediately after eating
  - b. Clean out your refrigerator once a month
  - c. Mix one teaspoon of Clorox in one quart of hot water to:
    - 1) Wash out the refrigerator
    - 2) Wash counter tops, table tops, etc.
    - 3) Wash all bathroom fixtures, etc.
  - d. Clean your apartment every P-Day from 8-9 a.m.

#### WORK UP:

- ☺ Exercise! Spend 30 to 40 minutes walking vigorously each morning.

#### EAT UP:

- ☺ Healthy Diet:
  - a. Drink 8 to 10 glasses of water each day, especially in hot weather!
  - b. Eat a variety of wholesome foods
  - c. Always eat breakfast (eat cereals for fiber)
  - d. Eat five (5) servings of vegetables and fruits each day
  - e. Drink three (3) glasses of SKIM milk each day
  - f. Eat bread (preferably 100% whole wheat), bagels, pasta, etc.
- ☺ Read labels. Choose foods which are fat-free or with very few fat grams.
- ☺ Avoid fat, greasy, fried foods such as: hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, potato chips, pizza, gravies, chocolate, nuts, mayonnaise, butter, margarine, and foods containing palm or coconut oil.
- ☺ Be happy! Smile! Face each day with vim, vigor, vitality, enthusiasm, and love for the Lord's work.

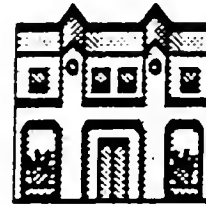



## APARTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

D&C 94:9 "But if there shall come into it any unclean thing, my glory shall not be there; and my presence shall not come into it."

### EXPECTATIONS:


1. Keep your apartment neat and picked up at all times.  
The apartment belongs to the Lord, not us.  
We are the stewards caring for it.



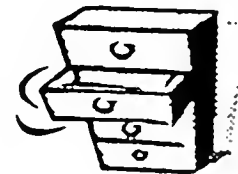
2.  Mission wide apartment cleaning hour is 8:00 - 9:00 am every Wednesday. We will all be working together at that time across the mission.


3. Your apartment must be checked by your District Leader or Zone Leader on preparation day before you may begin your preparation day activities.



4.  When you check into an apartment, check for any apartment damage. Then sign off it's in good shape.

5. When you leave an apartment, you are held accountable for the apartment's condition.



6.  You will be expected to pay for any damages you do to the apartment while you are there!



# ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION

## Apartment Policies

The Arizona Tucson Mission utilizes Apartment Secretaries to supervise and coordinate all apartment (housing and utilities) concerns and issues. Elder Val and Sister Lynne Christensen are the ATM Apartment Secretaries.

Elder Christensen reports directly to the President. Elder Christensen is the contact person for our missionaries and the local apartment coordinators for all apartment communication. Sister Christensen is Elder Christensen's assistant.

All apartments are paid for by the Church. As missionaries, we are stewards of the apartments for the Church. It is our responsibility to take care of them to the best of our ability and to ensure that the Spirit of the Lord resides in them. Therefore:

1. ATM apartment coordinator couples will have keys for missionary apartments in their area. Quarterly, working with Zone Leaders, the apartment coordinator couple will conduct an unscheduled apartment check in each apartment when the missionaries are not home. They will inspect during the day, so, if the missionaries are in their apartment when the apartment coordinator couple comes, the missionaries will be asked to leave while the inspection takes place.
2. Apartment coordinator couples will also conduct a scheduled apartment inspection at transfer time for missionaries moving into or out of the apartment. Missionaries are responsible for the condition of the apartment; accordingly, the missionaries will sign into or out of the apartment, depending on the transfer. If damage has been done by the missionary, he or she is accountable and is expected to pay the cost of repair from personal funds.
3. Zone Leaders will conduct monthly unscheduled apartment checks. They will not have keys to the apartments; therefore, they will check the apartments while the missionaries are at home.

(6/1/97)

## SUGGESTED CLEANING PRODUCTS/SUPPLIES FOR MISSIONARIES

The suggested list is as follows:

- ☐ oven cleaner (as Easy Off)
- ☐ workable vacuum (perhaps someone has one to share or give away)
- ☐ broom (no mops, please), dust pan
- ☐ clean rags, sponges
- ☐ mold & mildew remover
- ☐ floor cleaner and wax
- ☐ scrub brushes (one with long handle for toilet bowl - one for floor - one for tub)
- ☐ all purpose cleaner
- ☐ glass cleaner (ammonia or rubbing alcohol or vinegar)
- ☐ two empty spray bottles
- ☐ pumice stone (very important)
- ☐ vanish/200 flushes, etc.
- ☐ shower liner and/or curtain
- ☐ handi-wipe dish cloths
- ☐ bike protection cloths for inside apartments
- ☐ draino
- ☐ waste basket liners (small, medium) and waste baskets
- ☐ a dozen 75 watt light bulbs, one half dozen 100 watt light bulbs
- ☐ air fresheners
- ☐ rubber gloves (lg for Elders, medium for Sisters)
- ☐ basket or bucket to hold cleaning products/supplies



## ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION

D&C 90:18 "Set in order your houses; keep slothfulness and uncleanness far from you."

D&C 132:8 "Behold, mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion."

### TIPS FOR CLEANLINESS and ORDER

- When you wake up, roll out of bed, say your prayers, make your bed and shower every day.
- Personal and companionship study and planning daily.
- When you are finished with something, put it away before you leave the room.
- Never leave a room before closing closets, cupboard, drawers.
- Pick it up - don't pass it up!
- When you fix anything to eat, put all preparation items away before you eat.
- Replace low-watt light bulbs with bulbs of proper wattage - have plenty of light in your apartment.
- Put extra items you do not use in orange crates and stack them against a wall.
- Hang up your clothes when you are not wearing them and put your shoes in the closet.
- Do the dishes after every meal, and clean the sink, the stove top and all counter surfaces.
- Think of the time to leave, not the time to be there.
- Pick up your apartment daily before going to bed and clean it thoroughly once a week.
- Have prayer with your companion in the morning and at night before you go to bed.

#### DAILY

		TIME
Make bed	& Say Prayers	5 Minutes
Dishes	& Clean up	15 Minutes
Hang up Clothes	& Put Things Away	5 Minutes
Scriptures	& Belongings	5 Minutes
Tidy up	& Before Bed	10 Minutes



#### WEEKLY

		TIME
Laundry	& Change Bed	60 Minutes
Clean Bathroom	& Clean Floors	30 Minutes
Clean Kitchen	& Garbage Out	15 Minutes
Plan Shopping	& Do Shopping	60 Minutes



# HOW TO CLEAN THE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

## KITCHEN

### REFRIGERATOR



1. If the freezer is not self-defrosting, then turn off the freezer. Take all the items out of the freezer and set them on the counter. Place a pan in the freezer to catch the water that has melted. Wipe out the freezer, turn it back on and replace the frozen items.
2. Take out all items in the fridge, wipe the fridge out with warm water and baking soda. Remove the vegetable and meat trays and wash them with warm sudsy water and dry. Replace. Replace the refrigerator items.
3. Wipe the inside door out with warm water and baking soda.
4. Wipe the outside of the fridge with Windex and soft, clean cloth.

### STOVE AND OVEN

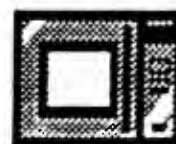


1. If oven is not self-cleaning, use an oven cleaner and follow directions.
2. Take out the chrome element protectors and clean or purchase new ones in a dime store.
3. Clean the entire surface with warm, sudsy water. Dry.
4. Windex the chrome and entire surface until it is clean and smooth to the touch.



## KITCHEN

1. Empty all trash daily. Keep a plastic bag in your garbage can.
2. Clean out the cupboards. Neatly arrange dishes and food. Close all food items.
3. Throw away any old, unused food or stuff. Throw junk out.
4. Wipe down all cupboards with Windex (if not wood) or pledge (if wood).
5. Have all dishes washed and put away.
6. Use handi-wipes and not sponges or dish rags. Wash the handi-wipes with our laundry each week. Keep your dish towels clean and wash them weekly.
7. Windex all chrome, your toaster (unplugged), micro-wave or any chrome finishes you have.
8. Keep all of your counter tops uncluttered.
9. Sweep and mop your floor.



## BATHROOM

1. Put everything away. No clutter. Straighten your medicine cabinet, throw out junk.
2. Clean the sink, toilet and tub with a disinfectant cleaner as ammonia and water.
3. Use a brush on your tub and use elbow grease.
4. Wash your towels and face cloths at least once a week.
5. Clean the mirror and all surfaces with Windex. Wipe dry.
6. Clean the toilet with rubber gloves. Clean the lid and in the bowl and around the bowl.
7. Throw away trash daily.
8. Sweep the floor and clean on your hands and knees with clean rag and disinfectant.



Condition		Work to be done and by whom :		
Arrival/Departure				
Apartment Evaluation				
Apartment name and address		Mission Zone Mission District		
	Condition: Arrival	Condition: Departure	Check ( √ ) ownership* Landlord      Renter	
<b>Kitchen/Dining Area</b>				
Cabinets				
Floor coverings				
Walls, ceiling, counters				
Refrigerator (defrost/clean)				
Refrigerator trays, racks				
Stove, oven, broiler pan				
Hood, fan				
Sink, garbage disposal				
Light fixtures, bulbs				
Windows, tracks, screens				
Other:				
<b>Living Room</b>				
Floor covering				
Walls, ceiling				
Windows, tracks, screens				
Light fixtures, bulbs				
Drapes, blinds				
Other:				
<b>Bedroom</b>				
Floor covering				
Walls, ceiling				
Windows, tracks, screens				
Drapes, blinds				
Light fixtures, bulbs				
Other:				

	Condition: Arrival	Condition: Departure	Check ( √ ) ownership*	
			Landlord	Renter

### Bathroom Area

Floor coverings				
Walls, ceiling, counters				
Tub				
Sink, Medicine Cabinet				
Toilet				
Ventilation Fan				
Light fixtures, bulbs				
Windows, tracks, screens				
Other:				

### Additional Items

Furnace or Space Heaters				
Proper Ventilation				
Hot Water for Kitchen and Bath				
Electrical Wiring				

### Move-In Inspection

We agree that the above evaluation reflects the condition of the apartment upon arrival. We also have agreed on ownership of each item as stated above.

Missionary's Signature	Print Name	Date
Mission Representative's Signature		Date

### Move-Out Inspection

We agree that the above evaluation reflects the condition of the apartment upon departure. We also have agreed on ownership of each item as stated above.

Missionary's Signature	Print Name	Date
Mission Representative's Signature		Date

\* All items not listed as owned by the landlord are property of renter

Arizona Tucson Mission  
Duties . . .

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Sister Betty Jo McKinlay  
Full-Time Missionary and Companion to  
President Douglas R. McKinlay

It is very difficult to list the expectations, responsibilities, and duties of my calling. I think it is important to note that my responsibilities as a Mission President's companion may be very different from others because our circumstances differ. I have found love in all I have done for my husband, for my children, for the missionaries, for the office staff, and for members and non-members. I was given a sacred blessing by Elder Lynn A. Mickelson as I was set apart for my calling, and I was blessed that I would love unconditionally. To obey the law of love has been my first responsibility and a great source of happiness.

Doctrine and Covenants 50:13-22 teaches us of the importance of the spirit in missionary work. Verses 13-14 state, Wherefore, I the Lord ask you this question — unto what were ye ordained? To preach my gospel by the Spirit, even the Comforter which was sent forth to teach the truth." President Ezra Taft Benson has said that it is the spirit that matters most. Being guided by the Spirit is extremely important in missionary work, and I have found it is absolutely essential to have the Spirit as a companion to the Mission President.

Prayer is important. I have learned that a prayer in the heart at all times brings me closer to Christ and helps me to act in a Christ-like manner. (2 Nephi 32:8-9.) And what I have done, I have done in faith — faith in God, in self, in the missionaries, the work, the members, the investigators, and in all that God has asked me to do. for an accounting of my contribution beyond the principles mentioned previously, I include the following:

- ▶ Family: Taking care of our family has been my first responsibility.
- ▶ Supporting the President, the office staff, and missionaries.
- ▶ Record Keeping: individual missionary information sheets with pictures and updated information such as marriages, births, etc.
- ▶ Medical Issues and Concerns: training, record keeping, overseeing with approved medical assistant in office, discernment, advisement, follow-through, etc.
- ▶ Apartments: initiate apartment coordinators' job descriptions, oversee and check apartments and see that they are maintained for the presence of the spirit and safe

for the missionaries.

- ▶ Transfers: training, pictures, departure and arrival/trainer meals, housing, logistics
- ▶ Zone Conferences: attendance, training in doctrine, discussions, planning, administration, organization, evaluation, skills, etc.
- ▶ Zone Leaders Council Meeting: attendance, training in planning and organization, meal preparation, and so on.
- ▶ Birthday Cards: design card and write personal greeting to each missionary.
- ▶ Departure Letters: Write individual letters to departing missionaries with pictures enclosed of the departing missionaries with pictures enclosed of the departing group and President McKinlay and me (taken at the mission home after the departure dinner and before testimony meeting).
- ▶ Mission Voice: design, coordinate and type mission newsletter monthly.
- ▶ Stake and District Conferences: attend with President McKinlay, speak when invited.
- ▶ Invitations to Speak: Stake Women Conferences, Ward Relief Societies, Ward Sacrament Meetings, Youth meeting, and so on.
- ▶ Maintain the Mission Home for the spirit of peace, love and harmony.

Serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission as a full-time missionary and companion to my dear husband has been one of the greatest challenges and joys in my life. I love the missionaries, the work, the office staff, and serving the Lord as a full-time missionary!

## Responsibilities of a Zone Leader

By Elder Travis B. Olsen

I have been asked to describe the aspects of serving as a Zone Leader (ZL). In the Arizona Tucson Mission (ATM), the call to serve as a ZL typically comes after an Elder has been out in the field for 10-18 months, and has demonstrated a sufficient level of effort at keeping the rules and working hard. Most of the time, an Elder will serve in that position for the remainder of his mission.

When we, as missionaries, are called to serve, we said that we would do so with all of our heart, might, mind and strength. This commitment to consecrate one's self, as a missionary, to the work of the Lord becomes even more of a spiritual test with added leadership responsibilities. Since serving as a ZL, that phrase has truly been ingrained in my mind. I am sure the other ZL's feel the same way.

In the ATM, there are 12 zones. They are Tucson North, Tucson West, Tucson, Tucson East, Tucson Rincon, Sierra Vista, Gila Valley, New Mexico West, New Mexico East, Roswell, Mount Franklin, and El Paso. The average size zone consists of 12 Elders and Sisters. The New Mexico West Zone is the smallest zone in the mission with eight missionaries; while the Mount Franklin Zone (the best one in the mission) is the largest with 20 missionaries. (At one time, it had 27 missionaries.) Each zone has two to three District Leaders (DL) who assist the Zone Leader by teaching, training, and interviewing the missionaries in his or her district. ZL's are responsible for training the DL's, who one day may have the opportunity to serve as ZL's. Some of the many things ZL's are asked to do are as follows: baptize weekly, be an example to the other missionaries, solve problems within the zone, and go on splits with the DL's.

We will now take a brief journey in the life of a ZL through a typical month in the ATM. It all starts the Friday after transfers when all of the ZL's converge upon Lordsburg, New Mexico, the central-most city in the ATM. In that setting, a meeting entitled Zone Leader Council Meeting (ZLCM) is held. At this meeting, the Mission Presidency is in attendance, and the Assistants to the President (AP's) are in charge. It is the greatest meeting held in the mission; it has the most incredible Spirit.

Shortly after ZLCM, a District Leader Training Meeting (DLTM) is held, where all of the ZLCM information is passed on to the DL's. They also discuss goals (and obstacles) for the up-coming month. Next is the AP training tour (a fun-filled adventure, I might add!), where the Assistants travel throughout the mission and train Zone Leaders on leadership skills, problem solving techniques, and methods of helping to motivate other missionaries.

The main assignment for ZL's is Zone Conference, which usually takes two to



three days to prepare (although the speedy Elder Rodriguez set an ATM record by having only 13 hours to prepare). During Zone Conference, one of the ZL's conducts the meeting. He teaches about Christ-like attributes, how to plan, and discusses the administrative topic of the month. It is an eight-hour meeting that is presided over by President and Sister McKinlay.

I sure hope you are all enjoying your trip through Zone Leader land so far. Throughout the month, the ZL interviews candidates for baptism (the more the merrier), attends District Meetings, and takes statistics weekly to report to the AP's. Also, he meets with the local Stake President(s) to discuss the attitudes and work ethic of the missionaries, and to talk about the support of member missionary work. Toward the end of the month, the time comes to send in the end-of-month reports. Four reports on the activity and productiveness of the zone are faxed in to the mission office where the AP's receive them (and usually re-do them because they think the information is all wrong!).

At the end of the monthly cycle, transfer time arrives. The ZL receives the transfer information from the AP's and passes it on to missionaries in the zone, and it is usually attended by much wailing and gnashing of teeth. After transfers, the whole journey I have described starts all over again.

Now, to step back and look at our little journey, it is a tough trail, but usually ZL's stay in their areas longer than other missionaries do (6 to 8 months). It is usually long enough to gain the trust of missionaries and local leaders.

In this trip we have taken, I have mentioned many of the ZL's duties and responsibilities. But the miraculous thing about the calling is that the Lord has His hand in the lives of the ZL's because of the many responsibilities we already have on top of trying to preach the gospel. He blesses those missionaries who are trying to serve with everything they have, and even though they don't have as much time to work in their areas, the Lord provides for them.

Zone Leaders in the Arizona Tucson Mission are special missionaries. They have a love for this work and are working their hardest to lead by example. As President McKinlay would say, "This is the Kingdom," and this kingdom needs leaders. And that is what the Arizona Tucson Mission produces.

## A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ATM SISTER MISSIONARY

By

Sister Kimberlee Frederick

March 3, 1999

Artesia (New Mexico) is such a blessed part of the mission. This morning, I woke up at 6:00. Well, I actually didn't wake up, but laid in bed until 6:25 thinking of all the things I could be doing. After a mission prayer with my companion, and a personal prayer, I started my study. I love the Book of Mormon. I know it was written for me! I also studied the discussions. I find myself wondering if I'll ever get the first discussion memorized in Spanish. It's not fair, Elders have six more months. I'll deal with it though.

Well, after comp study, we left for the day. We started by calling the office for our media. (An investigator) wants a bible. Soon, with help from the Holy Ghost, she'll want to be baptized too!

Our first two appointments dogged us. So we did our back ups and went to do a PMP (prime the member pump). She's a less active lady. She's real neat. We personalized the message when she didn't want to make a list. She'll come back to the Church.

We called our 3:30 appointment (she is a less active lady too, whom we had a PMP with). She sounded stressed. She asked if we could move our appointment. I asked if everything was O.K. and she started to cry. She asked us to come over earlier. So we left and went over to her house. She was feeling a little better when we got there. We shared many scriptures and the Spirit together. She told us of her life and her current struggle of custody battles. It's amazing to see the Spirit work. When we left her house, I thought of how awesome the Spirit is. When I called her 3 days earlier, I didn't know she would need us that day. When I confirmed the appointment, I didn't know why. But the Holy Ghost did. I love the Holy Ghost!

Next we went to Carla's house. We taught her a First. She told us that it was great we knew the Book of Mormon was true, but she didn't have a desire to know. That was hard. It made me think too. My whole mission, when I think about after mission life, I think of converting my friends. I'm going to change my prayers so that they'll be blessed with a desire. That is so crucial.

We tracted some, then went to our dinner appointment. It was yummy! We then made some calls from the church and went to our 7:00 (appointment). Zeke wasn't there. So we visited Antonette (sweet creature), and then a new member and his wife. They've been married a little over a year and have had a lot of struggles. They were so happy to have us there and to share a message. They've really been struggling lately and had been thinking of splitting up. We shared a message and prayed. The

husband felt the Spirit. I know that because at the end, he said to us, "You guys remind me of why I fell in love with the Church." I agree with the prophet who said, "It's the spirit that counts the most." Amen to that.

Because we were running late, we hurried over to our last appointment of the day, with Tony. He is such a neat man. His girlfriend is a member and just yesterday they decided to get married so he can be baptized. So we have two weeks to prepare a wedding! With God all things are possible. I'm super excited for his baptism. He's trying so hard and he's being blessed.

Well, that's pretty much our day in a nutshell. I'm so grateful to be a missionary and see the atonement in action. The Church is true. I love it!

Good night. I can hear my pillow calling my name. Take care.

Love,

Hermana Frederick

## **DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA**

**District # 1 Tucson Zone**

**March 30, 1999**

**Presiding: Elder Brady (zone leader)**

**Conducting: Elder Comstock (district leader)**

- 1. Prayer**
- 2. Announcements**
- 3. Doctrine/ Covenants Section 4 (group recitation)**
- 4. Standard of Truth (group recitation)**
- 5. Mission Song (sung by all, accompanied by Sister Covington)**
- 6. Reports and Goal Setting**
  - Sisters Bowers/ Day/ Jacobs**
  - Sisters Covington/ Stanger**
  - Elders Comstock/ Roundy**
- 7. Blue/ Yellow Planner evaluation**
- 8. Training on how to fill out "White Slips"**
- 9. "Listening to and following a prophet's counsel," a talk by Elder Comstock**
- 10. Skill training by Elder Roundy**



# Tucson Rincon

## Tuesday, March 9, 1999



# Zone Conference

## D&C 07-8

### Announcements

1. Memorize Second Discussions for Zone Conference!
2. Congratulations to Elders Eagan, Roberts, Bushman and Herbert and to Sister Covington for Memorizing and turning Discussion One in for Zone Conference!
3. Baptisms do not count until the White slip is in the mail
4. Call in for Media Referrals by 12:00 Noon and contact within 24 hours.
5. Prepare and announce baptismal information one Sunday in advance so the ward will know about it.
6. (Tucson Zones) Elder Andrus' Firesides are powerful and very insightful! Bring all your investigators out! There are two firesides this month; Sunday March 21 and Sunday, March 28, at 7:00 PM, at the Ft. Lowell Chapel.
7. Please don't waste electricity!! Be sure to turn off all lights, heaters/AC, when not in use.
8. Please send into the mission office, for the mission history, a spiritual experience you have had while on your mission. Deadline is March 15, 1999!
9. Missionaries need to share pat of a Discussion as the message when in the member's homes.

### Interviews/Commits

<del>E. Bradshaw</del>	Mike Shultz (Araujo's)	Mar 14
<del>E. Herbert</del>	Ouantes (4) (Araujo's)	Mar 29
<del>E. Palmer</del>		
<del>E. Conlin</del>	Jesse Hanna	Mar 13
<del>E. Taylor</del>		
<del>E. Hendersen</del>		
<del>E. Smith</del>	Tierra Forrest	Mar 20
<del>E. Stahl</del>	Bakers (2)	Mar 20
<del>E. Araujo</del>	Millers (2)	Mar 19
Sister Luben		
Sister Young		
<del>E. Pemberton</del>		
<del>E. Shepherd</del>		
<del>E. Huntington</del>		
<del>E. Walworth</del>		



# Doctrine and Covenants, Section 4

Date: February 1829

Place: Harmony, Pennsylvania

To: Joseph Smith, Sen.

(and all missionaries)

1. Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.
2. Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind, and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.
3. Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work;
4. For behold the field is white already to harvest, and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;
5. And faith, hope, charity, and love with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.
6. Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.
7. Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Amen.

## Standard of Truth

### Our missionaries

are going forth in different nations  
The standard of truth has been erected:  
No unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing.  
Persecutions may rage,  
Mobs may combine, armies may assemble,  
Calumny may defame; but the truth of God  
Will go forth boldly, nobly, and independent  
till it has penetrated every continent,  
visited every clime, swept every country,  
and sounded in every ear.  
till the purposes of God shall be accomplished,  
and the Great Jehovah shall say  
the work is done

Joseph Smith, Jr.

Preface to the Articles of Faith

# Tucson Rincon Zone Conference

Tuesday March 9, 1999

Theme: "Sacrifice"

Doctrine and Covenants 97:8

Presiding.....	President McKinlay
Conducting.....	Elder Bradshaw
Chorister.....	Elder Araujo
Pianist.....	Elder Pemberton
7:00 - .....	Zone Business
7:30 - Car Safety Video and A Case of Obedience.....	Elder Shepherd
7:53 - ..... Boyd K. Packer's "Seven Minute Rule" .....	
8:00 - Opening Hymn.....# 219 "Because I Have Been Given Much"	
- Invocation.....	Elder Walworth
- Announcements.....	Elder Bradshaw
8:10 - Administrative Training.....	Sister McKinlay
8:30 - Skill Training "Follow Up" .....	Sister Lyben & Sister Young
9:25 - Discussion Training.....	Sister McKinlay
10:00 - Awards.....	President McKinlay
- D&C 4 and The Standard of Truth.....	Elder Huntington
- Theme Talk.....	T&A
10:15 - Attribute Training "Observing Covenants by Sacrifice"	
by Elder Bradshaw	
10:30 - Doctrinal Training.....	Sister McKinlay
1:15 - Doctrinal Training.....	President McKinlay
12:00 - Blessing on the food.....	Elder Henderson
	Lunch Break
12:45 - Return to Zone Conference, Sing to Sisters, Sister Testimony!	
1:05 - Special Musical Number.....	Elder Araujo & Elder Stahl
1:10 - Faith Talk "Repentance & Obedience" .....	Elder Pemberton
1:15 - Accountability.....	By District Leader/Zone Leader
1:45 - Zone Leader Training.....	Elder Bradshaw
2:00 - "A Case for Obedience" .....	President McKinlay
2:10 - Testimony Meeting.....	Departing & New Missionaries
3:00 - Closing Hymn.....# 270 "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"	
- Benediction.....	Elder Smith

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## ZONE LEADER COUNCIL MEETING

THEME: (D&C 97:8)

"Sacrifice"

Lordsburg Chapel

26 February 1999, 9:00 a.m.

Attending: President McKinlay, Pres. Kennedy, Pres. Andron, and Wives  
Assistants to the Mission President  
All Zone Leaders

Presiding: President Douglas R. McKinlay  
Conducting: Elder Beck  
Chorister: Elder Lindsay  
Pianist: Elder Seegmiller

8:50 A Case for Obedience/Check Blue Planners

9:00 Welcome: Presidency, APs, and Zone Leaders  
Opening Hymn: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" #270  
Invocation: Elder Olsen  
Talk on Theme: by Invitation (3 min)  
Recitation of D&C 4 and Standard of Truth: Elder Criser

9:15 Accountability: (4 min each)  
1. Totals of last Calendar month, including Finding/ Standard disc.  
(Jan 25-Feb 21)  
2. # of Souls Committed for baptism by week. 1,2,3 weeks out,  
"own area" Verbally.  
3. Assistant Accountability of Mission Bar graph overheads  
4. Z.L. Companionship of the Month

10:15 Presidency and AP Training:  
1. Planning Training, "Blue/Yellow Planners and Area/Member  
Referral Books" (15 min)  
2. Attribute Training: "Observing Covenants by Sacrifice,"  
Elder Crockett (15 min)

3. Skill Training: Elder Beck (50 min)  
 -“Follow-Up with Investigators and PMP on a daily and weekly basis”  
 -10 min. Explain, 10 min. Demonstrate, 20 min. Role Play, 10 min. Evaluation  
 (Model for Zone Conference)

11:35

4. Leadership Council Meeting (40 min.)  
 -Media in 24 hrs/Call in on time  
 -Every companionship baptize  
 -Transfer letters / D&C 101  
 -Mission President Seminar Report  
 -Member Relations  
 -Transfer DDM lunches!!!!

12:30

Lunch (60 min)      Blessing on the food: Elder Wilson

1:30

Sing Mission Song

1:35

Talk on Faith: “Repentance/Obedience”  
 (Alma 34:33): Elder Bradshaw

1:40

Follow up Council Meeting (30 min)  
 - Mission Prayer: Being done or not?  
 -Who didn’t baptize, why didn’t they, and what was done about it?  
 - How did the Fast go? Share success!!  
 - Time Management/Companionship Planning  
 (Find, Teach, and Baptize-them little things)

1:55

Departmental Meeting: (35 min)  
 - Assistants will meet with Zone Leaders  
 -Announcements on back.  
 - Mission Presidency will meet with their wives  
 1. Plan

2:30

Testimonies: (45 min)

3:15

Closing Hymn: “Because I Have Been Given Much”  
 Benediction: Elder San Juan

#219

## **The Arizona Tucson Mission: Three New Standards**

### **June, 1997**

Owing to the fact that no one is baptized, committed or added who is not first taught, the following standards have been adopted mission-wide; they are as easy as 1-2-3.

1. **10 FINDING FIRST** discussions every day. A Finding First is a conversation with a non-member that includes at least these elements within 3 - 8 minutes. Let the Spirit direct you at all times.

- ☐ God loves us. He is our Father and He wants us to return to Him again. How is God for you?
- ☐ Jesus Christ did things for us that we cannot do for ourselves.
- ☐ God had to give us a way to know about Jesus Christ; the way is through Prophets who talk to God and then talk to us.
- ☐ We have a Prophet now - how will that help us?

\* **Now** set an appointment for the next day or for as soon as possible. Get the phone number and the address. Leave a pamphlet or Book of Mormon (let the Spirit direct). If time, briefly testify that Joseph Smith is a modern Prophet and/or the Book of Mormon is a second testament of Jesus Christ.

- ☐ Testify that the message you are sharing brings peace and happiness.

2. **20 SIT-DOWN DISCUSSIONS** per week.

3. **30 MINUTES EACH DAY** learning the Mickelsen discussion cards and practicing the 3 minute Finding First during companion-ship study. Memorize the cards; tell the Finding First.

## DISCUSSION 1 - TESTIMONY OUTLINE

(Remember to teach with faith, love, and the Holy Ghost)

### COMPANION 1:

#### TESTIFY:

God lives. He really exists.  
He is our Father. He is our Creator.  
We are his children. We are brothers and sisters.  
He loves us and wants us to return to his presence.

QUESTION: What is God like for you?

COMPANION 2: TESTIFY: I also know that God is our Father, that he loves us and he wants us to return to live with him. But there are some things that keep us from returning to live with Him.

TRANSITION: In this life, we are mortal and have to die, we also sin. Without help we could not return to live with him.

But God loves us so much that He sent his son, Jesus Christ, here to earth. He came to teach us how to return to the Father. In spite of the great importance of those teachings they were not accepted, he was persecuted and finally crucified. However, as the Son of God he had power over death. He was resurrected, and just as He was resurrected, we will be resurrected one day. Our sins are another obstacle that keep us from returning to our Father in Heaven but there is also salvation from sin. Christ suffered to pay for our sins and He will forgive us of our sins if we follow him. He is our Savior!

QUESTION: How do you feel about Jesus Christ?

COMPANION 1: TESTIFY: I also know that Jesus Christ is our Savior and will pay for our sins if we follow Him.

TRANSITION: But in order to follow him, we need to know how.

For this reason, the Lord has always called righteous men known as prophets. The Lord reveals his truths to these prophets and they teach us how to follow Jesus Christ.

QUESTION: Why would it be important to have prophets to teach us?

COMPANION 2: TESTIFY: I also know that prophets teach us how to follow Jesus Christ.

TRANSITION: Just as in ancient times there are prophets today.

In 1820, a young man named Joseph Smith was looking for the truth, but there was a lot of confusion among the churches. One day, he was reading in the Bible and found the way to receive an answer. In that passage, it says that if we ask God, He will make the truth known to us. He decided pray and ask God. He went into a grove of trees near his house. He knelt and started to pray to God with all his heart. He tells what happened next in these words: "I saw a pillar of light, exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me...When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other--This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" In this vision, Joseph Smith really saw our Father in Heaven and the Savior Jesus Christ. When he asked them which church he should join he was told to join none of them and that if he would remain faithful he would be prepared as a prophet to restore the truth to the earth.

QUESTION: How could this experience of Joseph Smith help us follow Jesus Christ?

COMPANION 2: TESTIFY: I know the prophet Joseph Smith saw our Father in Heaven and Jesus Christ. Because of this, he can teach us how to better follow Jesus Christ.

TRANSITION: As a witness of his divine calling, he was given an ancient record to translate.

This book is called The Book of Mormon. It contains the writings of ancient prophets in the Americas. Among them was a man called Mormon. These prophets taught and wrote about Jesus Christ and his teachings. Because of this, part of the title is "Another Testament of Jesus Christ."

QUESTION: How could The Book of Mormon help us to follow Jesus Christ?

COMPANION 1: I know that The Book of Mormon teaches us how to follow Jesus Christ. We would like to visit you tomorrow to give you a copy of The Book of Mormon.

**-Now set an appointment to return the next day in order to give them the book-  
or leave them the book with the challenge and promise, let the spirit guide.**

Until then, we have a pamphlet that reviews the things we have talked about today. When you read it, you will feel the same feelings that you have felt now talking about Jesus Christ.

WITNESS: Will you read this pamphlet?

As you can see, the Lord has taught us that we can know for ourselves the truthfulness of these things. Here is a model of a prayer so that we can communicate with the Lord. (Explain) The Holy Ghost is a member of the Godhead. It is his mission to reveal the truth to us when we ask with a sincere heart. As you pray you will know by the way you feel, these things are true.

WITNESS:

Will you pray, following the steps of this model, and ask the Lord if these things are true? Great, we are going to come by your house tomorrow at 9:00. It would be a pleasure to meet your whole family. Will you invite them also?

## Theme for July, 1997

### "The Spirit"

#### Scripture:

Doctrine & Covenants 11: 12-13

v. 12: "And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good— yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit.

v.13: Verily, verily I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy."

#### Doctrine:

We are to put our trust in the Spirit of the Lord; when we do, we become just, humble and righteous individuals. Then, the Lord imparts the Spirit unto us and our minds are enlightened and our souls are filled with joy.

#### Principle:

As missionaries, we definitely and desperately need the Spirit with us at all times. The Spirit is the most important aspect of missionary work; it is the foundation, or cornerstone, of all we do.

#### Application:

Each day, through prayer and other means, we need to petition the Lord for His Spirit to be with us. We have been given the right to the companionship of the Holy Ghost; many of us fall short in asking for and then utilizing this third member of the Godhead in our everyday proselyting. He is there for us, in power, in direction, in testimony, in comfort, in joy.



## ***The Drift Phenomenon***

### **Thesis:**

As missionary competence increases, it becomes easy to drift away from the total dependence on the Lord you experienced as a new missionary, and become more dependent on your own skills and abilities as a more seasoned servant. This is a natural, but dangerous phenomenon. Proverbs 3:5; D&C 1:19-21; Jeremiah 17: 5-7

### **Observation #1:**

The initial drift is so subtle it is hard to perceive; unchecked, however, the drift away from the spirit continues until you begin to lose focus, lose touch with your mission, and the purpose of your calling by a prophet. It is really a two-fold drift: As you move ever so quietly away from the spirit of the Lord, you move ever so dangerously toward the influence of the adversary. 2 Nephi 28:21

### **Observation #2:**

As the drift continues, pride becomes problematic. The focus is more on the things of the world, (the things of importance to the “natural man”) and less on the things of the spirit. Your mind drifts to thoughts of finding fulfillment in something other than the work of the Lord. Mission rules are a real bother; they are for the weaker missionaries, therefore you place yourself above them. If you are not careful, you will soon be past feeling. Alma 5:28; 1 Nephi 17:45; D&C 23:1

### **Observation #3:**

The drift has now become a separation. You feel isolated within the ranks of your own missionaries. Much time is spent in rationalizing and defending inappropriate behavior. You are now right where Satan desires you to be. 3 Nephi 18:18; D&C 10:33

## *Reversing the Drift Phenomenon*

### **Thesis:**

As missionaries seek the spirit and turn their focus to the work, that is the area, the members, the investigators, the conversions, their companion, and their daily spiritual preparation, the Lord blesses them with His spirit, and with success and joy in the work.  
1 Cor. 2:1-16

### **Observation #1:**

It will take as long to regain the spirit as it took to lose it. In other words, the farther the drift, the longer the road back. President Kimball said, "The bandage needs to be as wide as the wound." The adversary will not easily give up the ground he has gained. You have trained yourself over time to be less sensitive to the whisperings of the spirit. This is why it is important to recognize spiritual drift, and move back to dependence on the Lord and His spirit as quickly as possible.

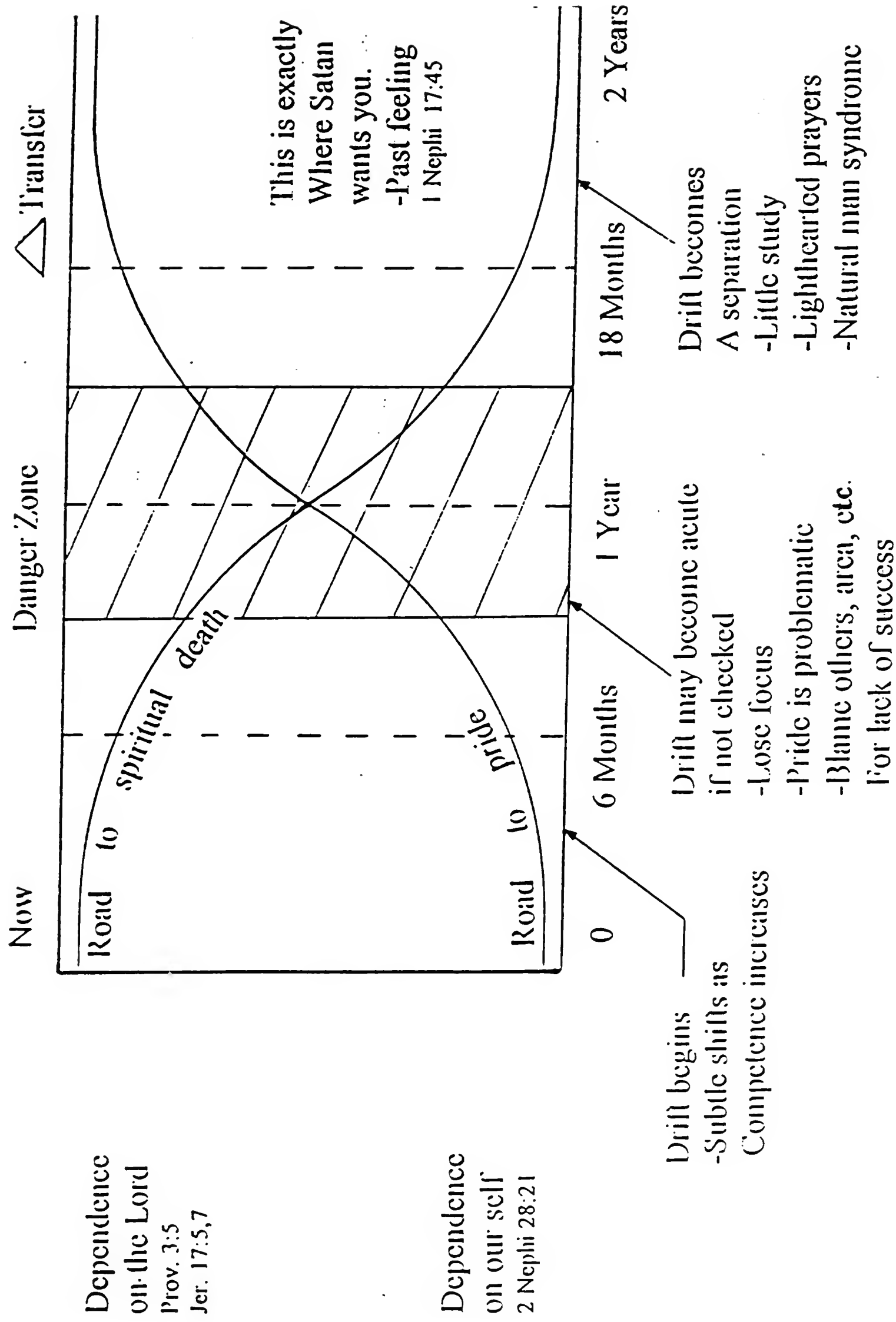
### **Observation #2:**

To supplant pride with humility (the first step in regaining the spirit) takes work; concentrated, focused work, not unlike your experience in the MTC. 3 Nephi 9:20; Moses 1:10

### **Observation #3:**

The Lord desires your return. First a return to Him, then a return to His work and glory "...to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." To bring souls to Christ. Missionaries who seek His spirit will find it, and with the spirit comes the tremendous joy available in this great work. It will come in no other way. Moses 1:39; John 15:11

# The Drift Phenomenon



## Arizona Tucson Mission Theme for September, 1997

### Theme Scripture: Moses 7:18

"And the Lord called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them."

### Doctrine:

When we are all unified in purpose (of one heart and mind) the Lord counts us as His. And unless we are one, the Lord does not recognize us. The Lord is bold in D&C 38:27, "...I say unto be one; and if ye are not one ye are not mine." Further, Paul writes in 1 Cor. 1:10, "...that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

### Principle:

Unity among the members—in this case, missionaries in the Arizona Tucson Mission—can bring great strength and power to us individually and collectively as we strive to achieve personal, district, zone and mission goals.

### Application:

Eliminating companionship conflict and supporting and praying for one another will qualify us for even greater blessings from heaven, and bring all of us closer to Christ.

## **Arizona Tucson Mission**

### **October, 1997 Theme**

#### **Scripture: D&C 88:119**

“Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God.”

#### **Doctrine:**

Organization, order, preparation, prayer, fasting and faith prevail in the house of God. God is not the author of confusion in any of its forms; when your mind, house or world is in a state of confusion, you are not one with God.

#### **Principle:**

Moving from a state of confusion —even a state of a poorly planned proselyting day— will help you gain the spirit and you will be infinitely more productive as His servant.

By staying organized, you will gain so much the advantage in both mortality and eternal life.

#### **Application:**

One of the great deterrents to receiving inspiration and revelation is “spiritual noise,” those conflicting signals you receive when all is not peaceful and orderly in your mind, and your work. Conversely, a spirit at peace is an open vessel for revelation.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**November, 1997 Zone Conference Theme:**  
**Covenants and Commitments**

**Scripture:**

Doctrine & Covenants 90: 24

“Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly and remember the covenant wherewith ye have covenanted one with another.”

**Doctrine:**

All of our earthly experiences will work to our good as we search, pray, believe, walk uprightly and keep the sacred covenants we have made with the Lord, and with each other.

**Principle:**

The Lord can and will make even the difficult times sweet unto us. But this only happens when we keep his commandments and covenants, and are in tune with his holy mind and will. It is his promise to us as his children.

**Application:**

As missionaries, we will experience greater insight and perspective on our missions as we conform our lives —each and every day of our missions— to his wishes, and consecrate our service to him.



**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**December, 1997 Zone Conference Theme:**  
**The Creation**

**Scripture:**

John 1: 1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

**Doctrine:**

There were definite beginnings, in so far as this life is concerned. There was a spiritual creation, or organization of the elements, and a physical creation. That creation included us as immortal spirit beings, with the potential of mortality, as a part of the eternal plan of salvation. They, that is the Gods, worked together in the process of creation.

**Principle:**

There is order in the universe. All things were created for the benefit and use of man. We are the spiritual offspring of God; as such we are literal sons and daughters of God.

**Application:**

We can learn much as we study the creation. The doctrine of the creation is essential to the plan of salvation and our own personal exaltation. Our understanding of and perspective on mortality is enhanced as we first learn, and then teach this doctrine—in the first and fourth discussions—by the spirit to our investigators.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**January, 1998 Zone Conference Theme:**  
**The Fall of Adam**

**Scripture: Moses 5: 10-11**

(10) And in that day Adam blessed God and was filled, and began to prophesy concerning all the families of the earth, saying: Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy, and again in the flesh I shall see God.

(11) And Eve, his wife, heard all these things and was glad, saying: Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.

**Doctrine:**

Adam and Eve did exactly what was necessary (and what the Lord knew they would do) for the creation of the human family when they each partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And while Eve was beguiled --believing Satan's half-truth-- she acted with "intuitive wisdom" to help bring about the condition of mortality. Adam, realizing Eve's new state, also acted wisely in partaking of the fruit, and thereby keeping the first commandment to multiply and replenish the earth.

**Principle:**

All that was done in the Garden of Eden was according to the foreknowledge of God and in harmony with the Plan of Salvation.

**Application:**

We can teach investigators the positive truths about what happened in the Garden of Eden, and how important the fall (forward) was to our eternal salvation. As a Church, we rejoice in the fall.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**Zone Conference Theme: Atonement**  
**February, 1998**

**Scripture:** Doctrine & Covenants 19: 16-19

16) For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent; 17) But if they would not repent they must suffer even as I; 18) Which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and suffer both body and spirit --and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink-- 19) Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men.

**Doctrine:**

Christ has overcome spiritual death, but it is conditioned upon our acceptance of him and the pre-payment he has made on our behalf, for our individual sins. He has suffered so that we need not suffer if we will but repent. If we exercise our agency by deciding not to repent then we will suffer even as he did, which suffering is beyond anything we can possibly imagine.

**Principle:**

Relying solely upon our own efforts, there is no way we can become clean enough to return to God's presence. We (all men everywhere) must humble ourselves, repent, and call upon God, in the name of Christ, for a remission of our sins --this is the only way whereby we may overcome spiritual death, and Jesus Christ is the only name on whom we may call for our own salvation and exaltation.

**Application:**

The atonement of Jesus Christ is the central doctrine of all Christianity. We teach it in the First, Second and Sixth discussions in some detail. Each of us owes a debt of gratitude to the Savior, and should come unto Christ by "kneeling at his feet" daily with a broken heart and contrite spirit in order to obtain his forgiveness.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**March, 1998 Theme: "Believe in me"**

**Scripture: John 11:25**

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

**Doctrine:**

The setting for this scripture is the raising of Lazarus from the dead, four days after he had been laid in the tomb. The words were said to Martha, Lazarus' sister, in response to her query about the Savior's somewhat delayed arrival at the scene. Here the Savior teaches Martha (and the rest of us) that in him lies all power over life and death. He had the power to call Lazarus forth from the grave, and has the power to call all men forth from our collective graves, according to his will, at the resurrection. Also, that he has power to give us eternal life, according to our belief in him and our subsequent actions. He has the power to overcome both physical and spiritual death --in other words, the "resurrection and the life."

**Principle:**

We must believe in him if we are to gain eternal life; he is the only one who has the power to grant this "greatest of all the gifts of God." Believing is the essential first step in qualifying for eternal life.

**Application**

By teaching belief in Jesus Christ's doctrines of the resurrection and eternal life, we are acting as his stewards; we are indeed his undershepherds in bringing the hope of immortality and eternal life to his children here on earth.

## **Arizona Tucson Mission**

### **Theme for April, 1998:**

**"Coming forth in the first resurrection with a celestial body."**

#### **Scripture: D&C 76: 69-70**

69. These are they who are just men made perfect through Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, who wrought out this perfect atonement through the shedding of his own blood.

70. These are they whose bodies are celestial, whose glory is that of the sun, even the glory of God, the highest of all, whose glory the sun of the firmament is written of as being typical.

#### **Doctrine:**

By taking full advantage of the atonement of Jesus Christ, we may be made perfect. Further, by conforming our daily living to the tenants of the gospel and remaining true to our sacred covenants, we can expect to rise in the morning of the first resurrection with a body pre-conditioned to live a celestial law and abide a celestial glory. If not, we rise in the afternoon of the first resurrection with a body pre-conditioned to live a terrestrial law and glory, or wait until after the millennium, and come forth in the second resurrection with a body prepared to live only a telestial law and glory.

#### **Principle:**

When and in what condition we rise in the resurrection will determine what kingdom we will inherit. The important thing to remember is that now is the time for us to prepare for the resurrection. As Amulek testified, the day of this life is the time for men to perform their labors and prepare to meet God. (Alma 34)

#### **Application:**

Not only should we teach these principles and concepts to our investigators (discussions 2, 4 and 6), we should live them ourselves. While the resurrection will come upon all men as a free gift, we should remember that the preparation and nature of our bodies at the moment of the resurrection is now in process.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**Theme for May, 1998**  
**Serving God With All Diligence**

**Scripture: D&C 4:2**

Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

**Doctrine:**

Service is one of the grand pillars of eternal life, a distinguishing characteristic of those who will inherit the Celestial glory. Through the ages, true followers of God have always served one another with real intent and fervor. When service is added to love, then love becomes charity, "the greatest of all."

**Principle:**

There is no speed limit on the road to perfection. But if you would hasten the journey --accelerate the process-- then you must be found serving others. This is especially true when it comes to serving the children of men as set-apart missionaries for the true and living God --in the dispensation of the fullness of times-- when the Lord has set his hand one last time to recover his people. Service is the essential key for us as a Church, and for you as an individual.

**Application:**

For you, "with all your heart, might, mind and strength" now has a special meaning, for you have been called and you have answered; you are under covenant to perform your labors in a "blameless" fashion. Your investigators need you, the newly baptized need you, the less active need you, the Lord needs you. But he needs all of you, your best efforts, he needs you full-time, and he needs you focused solely on the work. Embark anew.



**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**July, 1998 Zone Conference**  
**Theme: The Light of the Restoration**

**Scripture:**

Revelation 14:6 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

**Doctrine:**

The restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our day was foreseen by John the Revelator (and other prophets) many centuries prior to the angel Moroni revealing it --the Book of Mormon-- to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Elder Bruce R. McConkie suggests that the resurrected and glorified angel Moroni was associated with the very angel that John saw (MD, page 514).

**Principle:**

The restoration of the gospel is the restoration of truth and light, in such degrees as this earth has never known. The restored gospel sheds new light and truth backward onto previous doctrines and recorded prophetic messages. It likewise sheds light on our present understanding, and then throws light forward onto that which is to come (D&C 93:24).

**Application:**

As missionaries in the "last time," even the dispensation of the fullness of times, the need is urgent to study and know and teach doctrine with the additional light of the revelations of our day. This means teaching the doctrines of faith, repentance, baptism and the Holy Ghost as revealed in our day. It also means **feasting on the words of Christ every single day** of your mission, for the words of Christ "...will tell you all things what ye should do." (2 Ne. 32:3).

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**August, 1998 Theme: The Judgment**  
**or, Preparing For The Pleasing Bar of God**

**Scripture: Matt. 7:21-23**

v. 21: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. v. 22: Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? v. 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

**Doctrine:**

There will one day be a judgment, wherein all men will stand before Christ and be accountable for all of their thoughts, words and works. It will either be a happy day, or a dreadful day; and we will not be able to hide anything from him. We will be as open before him as the books out of which we will be judged.

**Principle:**

Since we cannot hide or escape the judgment, we best prepare well. As our scripture suggests, the fact that we have worn his name and in his name done many wonderful works does not automatically assure us a Celestial glory. He must know us because we have known him. The responsibility is ours to seek, to ask, to knock, and he will surely open unto us.

**Application:**

As missionaries, our great opportunity is to know him --not just know about him. He must be our motive power each and every hour. When Jesus Christ is at the very center of all we do, we will not only be supported in our trials and enhanced in our abilities to do his work, but we will be preparing for that great and marvelous day when we stand in his presence and render our life's report, including our sacred few months here in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**September, 1998 Theme:**  
**Generating Greater Faith**

**Scripture: Alma 32: 21**

"And now as I said concerning faith-- faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; Therefore if you have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true."

**Doctrine:**

In this scripture Alma is teaching the Zoramites the principle of faith, the first principle of the gospel. The doctrine of faith is the doctrine on which all others rest, for without faith, we cannot please God. We cannot even approach God in a meaningful way without the faith that He exists, as does His son, Jesus Christ. Without faith there is no reason to repent or be baptized or receive the Holy Ghost. With faith comes the desire and the will and the works to please God by first saving ourselves and then others. With greater faith comes the power to do mighty miracles, to move mountains, even to see God (see Ether 3:9).

**Principle:**

Our ability to serve God and bring souls to Christ depends on --and is enhanced by-- our individual faith. The greater your faith as a missionary, the greater your usefulness in bringing souls to Christ, and the greater your personal growth and enjoyment of your sacred months as a missionary.

**Application:**

Follow the counsel of Alma; even if you have so much as a desire to have faith, plant the seed in your heart --experiment on his words-- see if the Lord will not bless you beyond your present capacity to understand, to love, to serve, to heal, to bring souls to Christ in ever-increasing numbers. I am convinced that one thing holding us back as a mission is that we need greater faith. Wherever you are on the faith continuum, seek that you may generate even greater faith.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**October, 1998 Theme: Repentance**

**Scripture: Alma 26:22**

"Yea, he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and prayeth continually without ceasing --unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed; yea, and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of souls unto repentance, even as it has been given unto us to bring these our brethren to repentance."

**Doctrine:**

Through sincere repentance, exercising faith, bringing forth good works and praying continually, we can know the mysteries of God, reveal new things, and bring thousands of souls to repentance. In a recent Mission President's Seminar, Elder Henry B. Eyring referred to this scripture as the "Miracle Of Ammon," and suggested that it was indeed possible for this to happen today --even right here in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

**Principle:**

First we make ourselves clean and worthy vessels before the Lord (D&C 38:42), then exercise our faith by our works (James 2:17-20) and pray always (Alma 33:4-11). In a very real way, this principle-process is in itself a trial of our faith, after which we then receive the witness or the miracle (Ether 12:6).

**Application:**

We will never achieve beyond our vision, faith and works. In the case of our theme scripture, the promise is doubly secure: It was pronounced by the prophet Ammon then; it has been verified by the prophet Henry B. Eyring in our day. As representatives of Jesus Christ, we simply need to "do it."

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**Theme for November, 1998: Baptism**

**Scripture: Mosiah 18:10**

Now I say unto you, if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord, as a witness before him that ye have entered into a covenant with him, that ye will serve him and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his spirit more abundantly upon you.

**Doctrine:**

Beyond the personal cleansing and potential elimination of spiritual death, baptism is a covenant with Jesus Christ. It is the most important covenant anyone can make at that stage of their lives. For our part, we are under covenant that we will serve Christ and keep all of his commandments; for his part he covenants to pour out his spirit more abundantly upon us. When we are under covenant in this way, we must expect that we will be held accountable for the performance of our part of the contract.

**Principle:**

Those of us who are baptized have a solemn obligation to serve the Lord (even as a missionary) and to be obedient to his voice and the voice of his servants (D&C 1:38). We can rest assured that our blessings will be in direct proportion to the level of our service.

**Application:**

The baptismal commitment and subsequent covenant are at the very center of Christian living. They are as the rock which Moses struck with his staff, and from which came the living waters in wilderness. When we are true and faithful to our own baptismal covenants as missionaries, we will undoubtedly be blessed beyond measure. As we teach this to our investigators by the power of the spirit, many, many more will desire the covenant and blessings of baptism into the Church and Kingdom of God on earth.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**December, 1998 Theme: The Holy Ghost**

**Scripture: John 14:26**

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

**Doctrine:**

In the above scripture, the Savior promises that: 1) the Holy Ghost will be sent in his name; 2) the Holy Ghost will teach us all things; and 3) the Holy Ghost will bring all things the Savior has said to our remembrance. The three sub-doctrines taught here are: 1) the presence of the Holy Ghost is available to all men; 2) the Holy Ghost can and will teach us all things --even the miracles--according to our faith and desires, and 3) at the appropriate time, the Holy Ghost will bring to our minds all of the words of Christ, i.e. the cannon of scripture and all the words of the prophets spoken under the influence of the spirit.

**Principle:**

The Holy Ghost is an invaluable, indispensable tool for us as missionaries, for it is the Holy Ghost that comforts, teaches and testifies of the Father and the Son, and brings souls to Christ. If we are to convert others, the Holy Ghost **must** be our companion.

**Application:**

We must "first seek to obtain his word," and then through our personal obedience and worthiness we will receive the ministration of the Holy Ghost, which will make us mighty in speaking, even unto the convincing of both Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ and that this is his restored gospel. Also see 2 Nephi 31:19-20; 32:3-5.



**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**January, 1999 Theme: Prayer**

**Scripture: 2 Nephi 32:9**

"But behold, I say unto you that you must pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform any thing unto the Lord save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ, that he will consecrate thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy soul."

**Doctrine:**

This scripture immediately follows the declaration by Nephi in verse 8 that the Spirit of the Lord teaches a man to pray, and that the Spirit of the Devil teaches a man that "he must not pray." Why? Because even the Devil knows that there is great power in prayer. The doctrine taught in verse 9 is that prayer is essential for any undertaking "unto the Lord," and that the Lord in turn consecrates the performance of that undertaking unto the welfare of one's soul.

**Principle:**

When you follow the Lord and deploy the power of personal prayer, you affect a dual outcome: you receive personal strength at the same time you positively impact another person (or the focus of your prayer) agreeable to the will of the Lord. Consider Alma praying for his son, Alma. When the angel appeared to Alma and the sons of Mosiah he made it very clear that he was sent from the Lord in response to the prayers of Alma's father and others, "...that the prayers of his servants might be answered according to their faith." (see Mosiah 27:11-14).

**Application:**

As missionaries we must utilize the awesome power available through prayer to help our **investigators** progress to the waters of baptism and our **members** to catch the vision of this great work. As we do this, our own lives will be spiritually enriched and we will achieve our goals and the righteous desires of our hearts.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**February, 1999 Theme: Obedience**

**Scripture: 1 John 2: 3-4**

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

**Doctrine:**

Keeping the commandments of God, especially when no one else is watching, reveals true character. It helps one to know God, and God to know the true desire of one's heart. Absolute honesty in keeping the commandments is a requirement for all those seeking the highest degree of the Celestial Kingdom; indeed, it is required of all those who would seek His spirit to be with them.

**Principle:**

Exact obedience to the commandments of God and the rules of missionary conduct will help you to know God, for you will be living according to His statutes and in accordance with His mind and will. We teach in the second discussion that, "Sin is acting against the will of God." The Lord expects you as his missionaries to live on a much higher plane than others in society --or even others in the Church. It should be a privilege for you to so live; after all, you are His representatives.

**Application:**

Obedience is the first law of heaven. It also happens to be the first law of the Arizona Tucson Mission. I have never known an obedient missionary to be other than happy and successful. But I have seen the contrary in a few missionaries. Disobedient and dishonest missionaries find fault with mission policies, invent excuses not to work and have a negative impact on the Lord's work. This is His kingdom, not ours, let us therefore do His will and not our own.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**March, 1999 Theme: Sacrifice**

**Scripture: D&C 97:8**

Verily I say unto you, all among them who know their hearts are honest, and are broken, and their spirits contrite, and are willing to **observe their covenants by sacrifice** --yea, every sacrifice which I, the Lord, shall command-- they are accepted of me.

**Doctrine:**

One of the ways we remain true to our covenants is through sacrifice. It is through sacrifice that we understand the meaning of a covenant or law, and it is through personal sacrifice that we are able to more fully appreciate and participate in the law or covenant. Sacrifice is of such importance that it occupies a major place in the "endowment of power" from on high that we have each received in the Temple.

**Principle:**

As obedience is the first law of heaven, sacrifice may be seen as the first principle under the law. In order to fully live the law of obedience we must sacrifice ourselves in some way. It may be a sacrifice of time (18 or 24 months on a mission) or of means (pay our tithes and offerings) or of will (broken heart and a contrite spirit) but sacrifice we must if we are to live the Celestial Law (see D&C 132:50) and rise in the resurrection with a Celestial body.

**Application:**

We know that the Lord has seen, and will see, our sacrifices. And we know that "sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven." Let us commit to sacrifice all that we now possess: our time, our talents, our hearts, might, mind and strength to His work and glory, for therein lies our joy --indeed, our very mansions above. We are His anointed, His full-time servants; let us act well our parts each and every day as missionaries in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

**Arizona Tucson Mission**  
**April, 1999 Zone Conference**  
**Theme: Chastity**

**Scripture: Galatians 5:16**

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

**Doctrine:**

Paul is teaching the Galatians the Law of Chastity in its broader context: All of the lusts of the flesh, which keeps us in a kind of "mortal bondage," versus walking in the spirit, which keeps us close to Christ and the spiritual freedom found only in his teachings. The doctrine is as simple as, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (see Romans 6:23).

**Principle:**

This life is a constant struggle between the flesh and the spirit, as it was meant to be, for in the pre-mortal realm we walked by sight, or knowledge, but in this life we are to walk by faith and under the additional burden of a fleshly body. Those who learn here to control the "lusts of the flesh" will inherit eternal life in the presence of God the Father; those who don't will inherit a lesser kingdom. This war between the flesh and the spirit is epitomized in Galatians 5:17, which talks of the flesh and the spirit lusting against one another and being contrary one to the other.

**Application:**

Nothing will keep us from success in the mission field faster than yielding to the temptations of the flesh, either in our minds or in reality. The adversary knows this. He is looking for an opening, a chink in our armor, so to speak, that he might bring us under subjection. We need to be strong in the spirit, to "put off the natural man," and to walk daily under the influence of the spirit. We cannot make it on our own; we need our Savior, Jesus Christ. Know that the Savior loves you and will help you be a successful servant of his.

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**ALAMOGORDO DISTRICT CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS**

ITEM TO WHOM ASSIGNED

**Music-** Ruidoso & Alamogordo Choirs  
Director: Frank Ashdown

**Building Preparation**

**Set up/remove Chairs-**A1 Elders Q, Rodney Eaton, Pres. 434-2552

**Parking-**A2 Elders Q, Erik Harp, Pres. 479-0646

**Ushering-**A1 High Priest Group Chatley McMurdie

**Buffet:** Alamogordo & Ruidoso Relief Societies  
(6:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday Afternoon)

**Sound System-** EZ TV & Appliance

## AGENDA

**PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP MEETING:** Alamogordo Chapel

Saturday, 11 October 1997, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

District Presidency, District Exec. Sec., District Clerks, District Council, Branch Presidencies, Branch Clerks & Exec. Sec., and Melchizedek Priesthood Leaders

**PRESIDING:** Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen

**CONDUCTING:** President Brent L. Bean

(First Counselor, Las Cruces Stake Presidency)

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.** . . . . . 4:00 2

**OPENING HYMN:** "Come All Ye Sons of God" #322 . . . . . 4:02 3

Chorister: Douglas Drake

Organist: Franklin Ashdown

**INVOCATION:** . . . . . 4:05 2

**Agenda under direction of Elder Mickelsen**

Possible intermediate hymn: "High On The Mountain Top" # 333

**BENEDICTION:** . . . . . 6:00 2

6:00 to 7:00 pm Buffet-Style Refreshments

## **AGENDA**

### **SATURDAY EVENING ADULT SESSION**

Saturday, 11 January 1997, 7:00 p.m.

Alamogordo Chapel

**PRELUDE MUSIC:** Edith Beck

**PRESIDING:** Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen

**CONDUCTING:** Pres. Keith Heine (President, Roswell Stake)

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** . . . . .7:00 1

**OPENING HYMN:** "Lord I Would Follow Thee" #92. . . . .7:01 3  
Chorister: Lois Wells  
Organist: Edith Beck

**INVOCATION:** Charles Harris (Alamogordo) . . . . .7:04 2

**SPECIAL MUSICAL NUMBER:** Ruidoso Branch Choir . . . . .7:06 5  
" "  
Conducting:  
Accompaniment:

**REMARKS:** Sis. Shirlene Roberts (Ruidoso Branch). . . . .7:11 10

**REMARKS:** Sis. Michaelene Ahidley (Mescalero Branch). . . .7:21 10

**REMARKS:** Sis. Dorothy Steele . . (Alamogordo) . . . . .7:31 10

**INTERMEDIATE HYMN:** "Because I Have Been Given Much" #219 .7:41 3

**Balance of this Session:** Under direction of Elder Mickelsen

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd" #221 . . 8:25 3

**BENEDICTION:** Sis. Carol Cluff (Ruidoso) . . . . .8:29 2



## AGENDA

### **GENERAL SESSION**

Sunday, 12 January 1997, 10:00 a.m.  
Alamogordo Chapel

**PRESIDING:** Elder Lynn Mickelsen

**CONDUCTING:** Pres. Boyden E. Lee (President, Las Cruces Stake)

**WELCOME:** President Boyden E. Lee. . . . . 10:00 2

**OPENING HYMN:** "Come, Listen to a Prophet's Voice" #89 . .10:02 3  
Chorister: Sue Stockwell  
Organist: Franklin Ashdown

**INVOCATION:** Donald Ashdown . . . . .10:05 2

**DISTRICT BUSINESS:** Under the direction of Elder Mickelsen.10:07 8

**SPECIAL MUSICAL NUMBER:** Alamogordo Combined Choir  
"Now Let Us Rejoice"  
Director: Franklin Ashdown  
Pianist: Sue Stockwell

**REMARKS:** Pres. Boyden E. Lee (President, Las Cruces Stk) 10:15 15

**REMARKS:** Pres. Keith Heine (President, Roswell Stake). . 10:30 15

**REMARKS:** Pres. Kenneth Eaton . . . . . 10:45 15

**REMARKS:** Pres. Robert Stockwell . . . . .11:00 10

**REMARKS:** Pres. Scott L. Cluff . . . . .11:10 10

**INTERMEDIATE HYMN:** "God Speed The Right" #106 . . . . . 11:20 4

**REMARKS:** Pres. Douglas McKinley (Arizona Tucson Mission) 11:24 15

**REMARKS:** Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen . . . . . 11:39 20

**CLOSING HYMN:** "I Believe in Christ" #134 . . . . . 11:59 3

**BENEDICTION:** Sister Mary Helen Mertz (Alamogordo) . . . .12:02 2

12:30 to 1:15 PM Buffet Style lunch

## AGENDA

### Saturday Priesthood Leadership Session

July 26, 1997

4:30 - 6:00 P.M. Alamogordo Meetinghouse

Theme: Go Forward With Faith

Presiding: President Douglas R. McKinlay  
President, Arizona Tucson Mission

Conducting: President Robert Stockwell

Organist: Frank Ashdown  
Chorister: Dan Knapp

Greetings & Announcements:	4:30
	4:32

Opening Hymn: #60 Battle Hymn of the Republic	4:32
	4:36

Invocation: By Invitation	4:36
	4:38

Presentation: President Kenneth R. Eaton	4:38
Go Forward With Faith	5:00

Presentation: President Douglas R. McKinlay	5:00
Theme	5:54

Closing Hymn: #130 Be Thou Humble	5:54
	5:58

Benediction: By Invitation	5:58
	6:00

# AGENDA

## Saturday Evening Adult Session

July 26, 1997

7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Alamogordo Meetinghouse

Theme: Go Forward With Faith

Presiding: President Douglas R. McKinlay  
President, Arizona Tucson Mission

Conducting: President Scott Cluff

Organist: Carol Cluff  
Chorister: Joyce Bates

Greetings & Announcements: 7:00  
7:02

Opening Hymn:#250 We Are All Enlisted 7:02  
7:06

Invocation: By Invitation 7:06  
7:08

Presentation: Truman Bob, Mescalero Branch 7:08  
Baptism 7:13

Presentation: Lacie Jensen, Ruidoso 7:13  
Memorable Missionary Experience 7:20

Presentation: Robin Cedarquist 7:20  
Great Home Teaching Memory 7:27

Presentation: President Robert Stockwell 7:27  
Go Forward With Faith 7:42

Special Musical Number Faith In Every Footstep 7:42  
Ruidoso Quintet: Lacie Jensen, Elizabeth Clawson, Sharon Nielsen, 7:47  
Elders Hall, Elder Carlson  
Piano Accompanist: Courtney Dillard; Cello - Joelle Power

Presentation: President Douglas R. McKinlay 7:47  
Go forward With Faith 8:24

Closing Hymn: #157 Thy Spirit Lord,Has Stirred Our Souls 8:24  
8:28

Benediction: 8:28  
8:30

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# AGENDA

## Sunday Youth Session

July 27, 1997

08:30 - 09:30 A.M. Alamogordo Meetinghouse

Theme: Go Forward With Faith

Presiding: President Douglas R. McKinlay  
President, Arizona Tucson Mission

Conducting: Matt Gibbons

Pianist: Rebecca Wallace *yw leader*  
Chorister: Sarah Christensen

*32 in Dist. Callings  
113 New Callings  
Double the Members  
27 Called Baptisms  
11 New Elders  
22 New Temple Recs/Ordans.*

Greetings & Announcements: Matt Gibbons

08:30  
08:32

Opening Hymn: #256 As Zions Youth

08:32  
08:36

Invocation: By Invitation

08:36  
08:38

Presentation: Laurel Glemser  
Youth Conference

08:38  
08:45

Presentation: Jordan Jensen  
Youth Conference

08:45  
08:52

Presentation: Pres Douglas R. McKinley

08:52  
09:24

Closing Hymn: #254 True to the Faith

09:24  
09:28

Benediction: By Invitation

09:28  
09:30

AGENDA  
Sunday General Session  
July 27, 1997  
10:00 - 12:00 A.M. Alamogordo Meetinghouse

Theme: Go Forward With Faith

Presiding:	President Douglas R. McKinlay President, Arizona Tucson Mission	
Conducting:	President Kenneth R. Eaton	
Organist:	Frank Ashdown	
Chorister:	Sue Stockwell	
Prelude Music:	Choir Beautiful Savior and My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs	10:00
Greetings & Announcements:	President Kenneth R. Eaton	10:00 10:02
Opening Hymn:	#84 Faith of Our Fathers Congregation	10:02 10:06
Invocation:	By Invitation	10:06 10:08
District Business	President Robert Stockwell	10:08 10:12
Presentation:	President Kenneth R. Eaton Progress of the District	10:12 10:27
Special Musical	Come, Come Ye Saints Three Alamo Branches Choirs Aarranged & Directed by Frank Ashdown Accompinst: Sue Stockwell	10:27 10:31
Presentation:	Reny Reidhead	10:31 10:38
Presentation:	Sis Melinda Quinlan, District Relief Society President	10:38 10:48
Presentation:	President Scott Cluff	10:48 11:00
Rest Hymn	#36 They, The Builders of the Naton Congregation	11:00 11 04
Presentation:	Sister McKinlay	11 04 11:XX
Presentation:	President Douglas R. McKinlay	11:XX 11:54
Closing Hymn:	Faith in Every Footstep Choir 1st & 2nd Verse Congregation 3rd Verse	11:54 11:58
Benediction:	By Invitation	11:58 12:00
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DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE  
AGENDA

PRESIDENT  
DOUGLAS L. MCKINLAY

**AGENDA**  
**Jan 23, 1999**  
**3:30 District Presidency Meeting**

<b>Presiding:</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner</b>
<b>Theme: Holy Ghost</b>	
<b>Conducting:</b>	<b>President Jerry Ritter</b>
<b>Opening Hymn: # 7</b>	<b>Israel, Israel, God is Calling</b>
<b>Pianist</b>	<b>Gene Mertz, District Councilor</b>
<b>Chorister</b>	<b>Pres, Amos McMillan 1<sup>st</sup> Branch</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Elder Gardner, Pres McKinlay, District Presidency, District Councilors, Branch Presidents.</b>
<b>Time turned over to:</b>	<b>President Douglas R. Mckinlay</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner</b>
<b>Closing Hymn #106</b>	<b>God Speed the Light</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>



## **Agenda**

### **Saturday District Leadership Meeting**

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**4:30-6:00 PM**

**1800 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alamogordo N.M.**

<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Holy Ghost</b>	
<b>Presiding:</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner</b>	
<b>Conducting</b>	<b>President Cluff</b>	
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Bro Frank Ashdown</b>	
<b>Chorister</b>	<b>Bro Chat McMurdie</b>	<b>Ending Times</b>
<b>Opening Statement</b>	<b>President Scott Cluff</b>	<b>4:30</b>
<b>Opening Hymn # 76</b>	<b>God of Our Fathers, We Come Unto Thee</b>	<b>4:32</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>	<b>4:36</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>President Jerry Ritter, 15 Min</b> <b>Guidance of the Holy Ghost as a Leadership Principle</b>	<b>4:38</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>President Scott Cluff, 15 Min</b> <b>Being Led by the Spirit</b>	<b>4:53</b>
<b>Rest Hymn # 274</b>	<b>The Iron Rod</b>	<b>5:08</b>
<b>Time turned over to</b>	<b>President Douglas R. McKinlay</b>	<b>5:13</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner</b>	<b>40 Min</b>
<b>Closing Hymn # 157</b>	<b>Thy Spirit, Lord Has Stirred Our Souls</b>	<b>5:53</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>	<b>5:58</b>
<b>6:00 to 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Leadership Only Social</b> <b>Prepared by District Young Woman</b>	

## **Agenda**

### **Saturday Evening District Leadership Meeting**

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1999**

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

**1800 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alamogordo, N.M.**

<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Self Reliance &amp; Holy Ghost</b>	
<b>Presiding:</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner</b>	
<b>Conducting</b>	<b>President Jerry Ritter</b>	
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Bro Frank Ashdown</b>	
<b>Conductor</b>	<b>President Amos B. McMillan 1<sup>st</sup> Branch</b>	<b>Ending Times</b>
<b>Opening Statement</b>	<b>President Ritter</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Opening Hymn #6</b>	<b>Redeemer of Israel (verses 1,2,3,5)</b>	<b>7:05</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>	<b>7:09</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>President Scott Cluff 15 Min</b> <b>Self Reliance</b>	<b>7:24</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>President Jerry Ritter 15 Min</b> <b>The Holy Ghost as a Constant Companion</b>	<b>7:39</b>
<b>Time turned over to</b>	<b>President Douglas R. McKinlay 15 Min</b> <i>Pres. Edon Remarks.</i>	<b>7:54</b>
<b>Rest Hymn # 136</b>	<b>I Know that My Redeemer Lives</b>	<b>7:59</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner 26 Min</b>	<b>8:25</b>
<b>Closing Hymn #157</b>	<b>Thy Spirit, Lord, has Stirred Our Souls</b>	<b>8:28</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>	<b>8:30</b>

## **Agenda**

### **Sunday Morning District Conference**

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am to 12:00 PM**

**1800 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alamogordo N.M.**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>District Choir, My Shepherd Will Supply My Sheep, &amp; I Need Thee Every Hour</b>	
<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Holy Ghost</b>	
<b>Presiding:</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner</b>	
<b>Conducting</b>	<b>President Kenneth Eaton</b>	
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Edith Beck</b>	
<b>Chorister</b>	<b>Frank Ashdown</b>	<b>Ending Times</b>
<b>Opening Statement</b>	<b>President Kenneth Eaton</b>	<b>10:00</b>
<b>Opening Hyum #59</b>	<b>By District Choir, Come, Ye Children of the Lord</b>	<b>10:03</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>	<b>10:07</b>
<b>District Business</b>	<b>President Scott Cluff</b>	<b>10:09</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>President Kenneth Eaton 10 Min</b>	<b>10:19</b>
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Sis Mary Mertz 10 Min Seeking the Best Gifts</b>	<b>10:29</b>
<b>Testimony</b>	<b>Bro Michael Duncan (recently Baptized) 3 Min</b>	<b>10:33</b>
<b>Special Number</b>	<b>District Choir, Let the Holy Spirit Guide</b>	<b>10:38</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>Sister McKinlay 10 Min</b>	<b>10:48</b>
<b>Time Turned over To</b>	<b>President Douglas R. McKinlay 25 Min</b>	<b>11:13</b>
<b>Rest Hymn # 2</b>	<b>The Spirit Of God Like a Fire</b>	<b>11:18</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>Elder Harvey L. Gardner 35 Min</b>	<b>11:53</b>
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>District Choir, Two Hymns of the Spirit</b>	<b>11:58</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>By Invitation</b>	<b>12:00</b>

# ARIZONA TUCSON MISSION

## QUANTITATIVE REPORT INFORMATION FOR 1998 JANUARY-DECEMBER

### STAKE

### CONVERT BAPTISM SOURCE

### ACTIVATIONS

	MEM REF.	PART MEM.	MEDIA REF.	FT MISS.	OTHER REF.	TOTALS
ALAMOGORDO DISTRICT	7	11	10	9	0	37
UNCAN	10	9	0	4	0	23
EL PASO	33	23	3	25	0	84
LAS CRUCES	17	20	7	13	2	59
MT. FRANKLIN	34	20	16	44	7	121
PIMA	6	6	0	1	0	13
ROSWELL	13	21	1	8	1	44
SAFFORD	25	22	1	2	1	51
SIERRA VISTA	17	13	4	4	4	42
SILVER CITY	9	17	3	13	1	43
ST. DAVID	27	12	2	2	1	44
THATCHER	19	11	0	1	0	31
TUCSON	17	17	16	14	3	67
TUCSON EAST	11	11	5	18	0	45
TUCSON NORTH	11	19	10	6	5	51
TUCSON RINCON	20	18	15	18	9	80
TUCSON WEST	16	25	4	5	7	57
TOTAL	292	275	87	187	41	882

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### TUCSON STAKES

TUCSON	17	17	16	14	3	67
TUCSON EAST	11	11	5	18	0	45
TUCSON NORTH	11	19	10	6	5	51
TUCSON RINCON	20	18	15	18	9	80
TUCSON WEST	16	25	4	5	7	57
TOTAL	75	90	50	61	24	300

RETENTION%
57
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### STAKES OUTSIDE OF TUCSON

ALAMOGORDO DISTRICT	7	11	10	9	0	37
DUNCAN	10	9	0	4	1	23
EL PASO	33	23	3	25	0	84
LAS CRUCES	17	20	7	13	2	59
MT. FRANKLIN	34	20	16	44	7	121
PIMA	6	6	0	1	0	13
ROSWELL	13	21	1	8	1	44
SAFFORD	25	22	1	2	1	51
SIERRA VISTA	17	13	4	4	4	42
SILVER CITY	9	17	3	13	1	43
ST. DAVID	27	12	2	2	1	44
THATCHER	19	11	0	1	0	31
TOTAL	217	185	47	126	18	592

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# Baptism List by Stake

13-Jan-99

**New Members Name**

**Baptism Date**

**Referral Type**

## Almogordo District N.M.

### Almogordo 1st

Birkholz,	Mary Alice	12/29/98	Member Referral
Cederquist,	Michael Alan	1/31/98	Part-Member
Kitching,	Hubert James	6/8/98	Member Referral
Rader,	Jonathan Kyle	8/22/98	Member Referral
Smalley,	Jean Mare	3/7/98	Full-Time Missionaries
Smalley,	Lindsay Ann	3/7/98	Full-Time Missionaries

Almogordo 1st:

Number of Baptisms 6

FT Missionaries = 2

Member Referrals = 3

P-Members = 1

Media Referrals 0

Other Referrals 0

### Almogordo 2nd

Baldwin,	Rachel Renee	5/31/98	Member Referral
Bear,	Charles Leon	1/31/98	Media Referral
Blechinger,	Justin Shane	2/28/98	Part-Member
Brivescas,	Humberto Sandoval	12/18/98	Full-Time Missionaries
Duran,	Matthew James	7/5/98	Member Referral
Gaffney,	Jean Marie	9/19/98	Full-Time Missionaries
Grace,	Kimberly Anne	8/13/98	Part-Member
Lindsay,	Joseph Vaughn	9/19/98	Full-Time Missionaries
Martin-Schaefer,	Peggy	1/30/98	Part-Member
McMurdie,	Sara	1/25/98	Part-Member
Mejia,	Josefina	7/26/98	Media Referral
Salazar,	Conrad Aragon	4/18/98	Full-Time Missionaries
Salazar,	Laurel Tedene	4/18/98	Full-Time Missionaries
Sema,	Christopher John	9/25/98	Member Referral
Sema,	John	9/25/98	Member Referral

Almogordo 2nd:

Number of Baptisms 15

FT Missionaries = 5

Member Referrals = 4

P-Members = 4

Media Referrals 2

Other Referrals 0

### Almogordo 3rd

Cardon,	Noel Lynn	4/18/98	Part-Member
Duncan,	Michael William	12/18/98	Member Referral
Jevons,	Cassandra Gail	2/28/98	Part-Member

Almogordo 3rd:

Number of Baptisms 3

FT Missionaries = 0

Member Referrals = 1

P-Members = 2

Media Referrals 0

Other Referrals 0

### Mescalero Branch

Fossum,	Ewell John	8/30/98	Member Referral
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Mescalero Branch:

Number of Baptisms 1

FT Missionaries = 0

Member Referrals = 1

P-Members = 0

Media Referrals 0

Other Referrals 0

New Members Name	Baptism Date	Referral Type
<b>Ruidoso Branch</b>		
Hart, Jason Lee	2/13/98	Part-Member
Herring, Jenna Danielle	12/19/98	Part-Member
Holt, Wendy Lynn	6/27/98	Part-Member
Jerecki, Charlotte	8/1/98	Media Referral
Jerecki, Vicki Lee	8/1/98	Media Referral
Niederstadt, Asusena	5/24/98	Member Referral
Sanchez, Anthony Leroy	5/8/98	Other Referral
Sanchez, Patricia Nunez	5/8/98	Other Referral
Ruidoso Branch: Number of Baptisms 8	FT Missionaries = 0	Member Referrals = 1
P-Members = 3	Media Referrals 2	Other Referrals 2
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Almogordo District N. Number of Baptisms 33	FT Missionaries = 7	Member Referrals = 10
P-Members = 10	Media Referrals 4	Other Referrals 2

## Meeting Action Notes

Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Important ideas/concepts/issues:

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How I will implement what I have learned today:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Completion dates for items 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_



## Arizona Tucson Mission Missionary Tips for Church Leaders

Here are a few tips on how to raise the level of visibility and activity in missionary work in your organization:

1. **Put missionary work on your meeting agenda.** At each presidency, council or correlation meeting, ask someone to share a missionary experience, just as you would a spiritual thought. You may want to assign someone in advance to report their missionary experience.
2. Have members of your organization take a three-month or six-month assignment as a stake missionary on a rotating basis. Have them "report on their mission" to your group when they return.
3. **Correlate closely with the Ward Mission Leader**, so that all investigators appropriate for your organization are sought out, invited and friendshipped.
4. Teach members of your organization how to use the 3-minute Finding First discussion with their friends and others they meet on a more casual basis. Or, use the high visibility television ads to start a conversation.
5. Remind your members that missionaries are not to watch television or movies, and that dinner appointments are to be one hour in duration, and other member visits last only 20 minutes. This will help the missionaries be more efficient and effective.

# 1999 Welfare Training: Self-Reliance

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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

General Authorities, Area Authority Seventies, stake and district presidents	Teach and emphasize self-reliance and basic welfare principles in area training, regional welfare committees, stake and district councils and committees, and stake and ward leadership training in stake and district conferences during the first half of 1999.
Bishops and branch presidents	Review self-reliance and basic welfare principles in stake and ward councils and committees.
Quorum and Relief Society leaders	Teach members to understand and apply principles of self-reliance and basic welfare.

## Self-Reliance and Basic Welfare Principles

We teach self-reliance as a principle of life, that we ought to provide for ourselves and take care of our own needs" (Gordon B. Hinckley, in Conference Report, Oct. 1996, 70; or *Ensign*, Nov. 1996, 50).

Heavenly Father has given all of His children everything they have—their talents, abilities, and material goods—and has made them stewards over these blessings (see D&C 104:11–13). To fulfill this stewardship honorably, Church members should become self-reliant, using these blessings to take care of themselves and their families." As we become self-reliant, we sustain ourselves better in daily life, prepare for times of diversity, and increase our ability to give to the Lord's work and serve others (see *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2: Priesthood and Auxiliary Leaders* [1998], 257).

- "The responsibility for each person's social, emotional, spiritual, physical, or economic well-being rests first upon himself" (Spencer W. Kimball, in Conference Report, Oct. 1977, 124; or *Ensign*, Nov. 1977, 77).
- When Church members are doing all they can to provide for themselves but still cannot meet their basic needs, they should turn first to their families for help (see *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 1: Stake Presidencies and Bishoprics* [1998], 14).
- If Church welfare assistance is necessary, it is preferred that the bishop give members commodities rather than cash (see *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 1*, 15).
- When members receive Church welfare assistance, the bishop gives them opportunities to work to the extent of their abilities for the assistance they receive (see *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 1*, 16).

## Training Objectives

For training purposes, leaders may choose to emphasize items from either of the following objectives, based on members' needs

**I: Help members prepare for and obtain suitable employment:**

- 1. Get an adequate education.
- 2. Acquire essential work-related skills.
- 3. Apply for and secure a job, using employment resource centers where available.
- 4. Be diligent, hardworking, and trustworthy.

**II: Help members get out of debt and provide resources for times of need:**

- 1. Develop and use a budget.
- 2. Live within their means, avoid unnecessary debt, and pay off existing obligations.
- 3. Regularly contribute to a savings account.
- 4. Follow basic home storage practices.

## Training Discussion

You may decide to use any of the following case studies or present other specific examples of how self-reliance and basic welfare principles apply to members in your area. Use questions such as those suggested below to discuss the case studies.

*Case study 1.* Alberto is single, 28 years old, and a returned missionary. He works 10 to 12 hours each day selling items as a street vendor, but he does not earn enough to meet basic needs. He attends Church sporadically. He completed grade school but hasn't had any other schooling in 15 years.

*Case study 2.* Matthew is 35 years old, married, and has four children, ages 1 to 10 years. He is employed but has difficulty meeting the needs and obligations of his family. He and his wife, Laura, serve faithfully in their Church callings.

*Case study 3.* Ben and Rebecca have been married for 20 years and have six children, ranging in age from 6 to 18 years. Ben earns a good income. However, he and his wife have managed their resources unwisely, have a large amount of debt, and have no cash or food reserves. They are ac-

tively involved in Church and recently approached the bishop to ask for help to pay their mortgage.

- What can the individual or family do to help themselves? (See *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2*, 257–58.)
- How can the extended family help the individuals to meet their needs?
- What is the bishop's role in helping the family fulfill their responsibilities? (See *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 1*, 14–17.)
- What can the Melchizedek Priesthood quorums and the Relief Society do to help the person or family resolve long-term needs? (See *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2*, 165, 196–97, 318.)
- What services and resources in the Church and community are available to help the person or family solve their problems? (See *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 1*, 15.)
- What could this individual or family have done to prevent their difficulties?

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## Teachings of the Prophets

"And so we encourage our people to have something, to plan ahead, keep . . . food on hand, to establish a savings account, if possible, against a rainy day. Catastrophes come to people sometimes when least expected—unemployment, sickness, things of that kind. The individual, as we teach, ought to do for himself all that he can. When he has exhausted his resources, he ought to turn to his family to assist him. When the family can't do it, the Church [helps]. And when the Church [helps], our great desire is to first take care of his immediate needs and then to help him for so long as he needs to be helped, but in that process to assist him in training, in securing employment, in finding some way of getting on his feet again" (Gordon B. Hinckley, in Conference Report, Oct. 1996, 70; or *Ensign*, Nov. 1996, 50).

"We urge all Latter-day Saints to be prudent in their planning, to be conservative in their living, and to avoid excessive or unnecessary debt" (Thomas S. Monson, in Conference Report, Apr. 1992, 68; or *Ensign*, May 1992, 47).

"Industry, thrift, self-reliance continue as guiding principles of this effort. As a people, we should

avoid unreasonable debt. . . . 'Pay thy debt, and live' (2 Kings 4:7). What wise counsel for us today!" (Thomas S. Monson, in Conference Report, Oct. 1988, 57; or *Ensign*, Nov. 1988, 46).

"If we do not have the resources to acquire a year's supply, then we can strive to begin with having one month's supply" (James E. Faust, in Conference Report, Apr. 1986, 26; or *Ensign*, May 1986, 22).

"Can we see how critical self-reliance becomes when looked upon as the prerequisite to service, when we also know service is what Godhood is all about? Without self-reliance one cannot exercise these innate desires to serve. How can we give if there is nothing there? Food for the hungry cannot come from empty shelves. Money to assist the needy cannot come from an empty purse. Support and understanding cannot come from the emotionally starved. Teaching cannot come from the unlearned. And most important of all, spiritual guidance cannot come from the spiritually weak" (Marion G. Romney, in Conference Report, Oct. 1982, 135; or *Ensign*, Nov. 1982, 93).

## **A Unified Plan**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To provide a way for the Arizona Tucson Mission to unite with the Wards and Stakes within its boundaries to move the work of conversion, retention and activation forward with increased velocity and lasting effectiveness.

## PLAN OBJECTIVES

1. To more fully utilize the local member and full-time mission resources in conversion, retention and activation.
2. To establish a plan for each unit that becomes the local Liahona for all "missionary" work in the ward. The plan out-lives any set of full-time missionaries, and even the more permanent stake missionaries: It provides direction for the work for years to come.
3. To galvanize the stake and full-time missionaries in a common set of objectives, so that there is truly only one mission per stake, and one integrated team per unit.
4. To bring focus and direction to stake and/or ward programs that may not now exist.
5. To expand the vision of ATM missionaries who may see their role as limited to finding, teaching and baptizing investigators.
6. To more fully engage the rank-and-file ward members in the work of conversion, retention and activation.

## Note to Stake Presidents:

This binder is meant to be a "starter kit" for your Stake and Wards. The hope is that you will take ideas from these materials and fashion your own approach to the broader missionary view of conversion, retention and activation within your stake. The Arizona Tucson Mission will help in any way our means will allow.

### Some tips:

1. The ultimate success of this approach will depend heavily upon the ward mission leader's attitude and commitment. If you have less effective WML's, consider calling committed leaders to this key ward position.
2. Encourage each ward to follow-through and prepare their own ward mission plan, however simple it may be. The goals set will become the driving force for all related increases in activity and performance, and will serve to motivate both full-time and stake missionaries as well as priesthood and auxiliary groups.
3. Set the pace by discussing personal missionary experiences at the outset of every presidency, committee, council or reporting meeting you hold. You will notice the effect immediately.
4. We have prepared a smaller set of working materials for each ward or branch in your stake.
5. Please set up meetings with your stake (wards) immediately to launch the planning process, so that each ward in your stake can have their plan prepared and approved by November 15, 1997. Consequently, their goals will be in order to begin 1998.

If you have questions, feel free to call me at (520) 577-7076.

Many thanks for great support of this work,

Douglas R. McKinlay

## Accelerating the Work: A Unified Member/Missionary Plan

### INTRODUCTION

The Lord has said, "I will hasten my work in its time" (D&C 88:73). More recently, the First Presidency has suggested that our joint member/missionary responsibility is to "Bring souls to Christ." It is clear that the primary responsibility for bringing souls unto Christ, rests with Stake Presidents of the Church. A member of each stake presidency is given the specific assignment to "proclaim the gospel," in his stake; he is aided by a Stake Mission President.

In order to help accomplish this work, missions have been established wherein full-time missionaries labor together with stake missionaries at the ward and branch level. Locally, the work is presided over by a Bishop/Branch President, with a Ward/Branch Mission Leader to correlate the work.

### SITUATION ANALYSIS

In the Arizona Tucson Mission (ATM), Stakes are matched by missionary Zones where possible. For the most part, stake presidents have been overt in their support of missionary work; worthy, missionary-minded priesthood holders have been called as stake and ward mission leaders. Where these leaders interface with dedicated full-time missionaries on an ongoing basis, the work progresses. In the absence of a such a combined effort, the work suffers.

Since full-time missionaries are always short-term members of any given unit, the stake missionaries are charged with the longer view and correlation of the work. Not surprisingly, the full-time missionaries tend to have greater enthusiasm and a sense of urgency for the work while the stake missionaries tend to have greater patience, and work at a more metered pace. In a perfect world, these two approaches should create a balanced missionary effort. The world is not perfect, and sometimes the differences become divisive.



## **SITUATION ANALYSIS, CON'T.**

What often happens with stake missionaries is that they are called with fanfare, sometimes trained, but then are left to drift into a world of ride-giving and poorly-planned splits until the spark is all but gone for real missionary work. President Kimball has likened stake missions to orchestras that are always tuning up but never actually play the symphony. In other words, we spend too much time organizing and preparing to do missionary work, and too little time actually doing missionary work.

### **Challenges:**

Many challenges face us as a joint missionary force. They include but are not limited to the following:

1. Many stake missionaries are poorly trained, and may not have a clear understanding of their calling.
2. There is often a lack of accountability on the part of stake missionaries; this is understandable, since they are called at the stake level yet function at the ward level.
3. Stake missionaries sometimes see the full-time missionaries as unprepared in meetings and insensitive to ward needs.
4. Stake and full-time missionaries report separately, to different priesthood leaders.
5. Ward Mission Leaders can be ineffective, discouraging both stake and full-time missionaries.
6. Full-time missionaries can appear lazy (always asking for rides) and opportunistic (desiring to teach, but not to visit less active members).
7. Unbalanced resources may also be worrisome: stake missionaries who cannot fulfill their assignment(s) due to work schedules; sister missionaries who have mostly brethren called as stake missionaries, etc.

### Opportunities:

1. The ATM is prepared to help train stake missionaries; President Jim Knight is available for stake mission training on request. The Assistants and Zone Leaders are also available.
2. The ward missionary correlation meeting can be used more effectively as the forum for both stake and full-time missionaries to report their stewardships to the ward mission leader.
3. The ATM can do a better job in preparing the full-time Elders and Sisters to report their activities (submit their planners) and become an integral part of moving the ward forward.
4. We can create a unified ward mission plan that includes input from ward leaders, stake and full-time missionaries, and which is approved by the Stake President and Stake Mission President.
5. The ATM has two great resources that can be brought to bear on ward mission plans: 1) Skilled manpower, albeit not always with transportation, and 2) Time.
6. A full-throttle ward mission plan will help the less energetic missionaries stay involved on a day-to-day basis, i.e. there should be daily assignments which pair stake and full-time missionaries in common causes.
7. A carefully prepared ward mission plan will also help equally yoke the often unbalanced ward, stake and ATM resources.
8. The foreknowledge and approval of ward mission plans by the Stake, Stake Mission, and full-time Mission Presidents will help keep the plan moving forward through transfers, changes in local callings, etc.
9. There will be greater focus, energy and productivity when both part-time and full-time resources work unitedly in converting, retaining and activating.
10. Properly conceived and executed, the ward mission plan will also aid the other two aspects of the mission of the Church: Perfect the Saints, and Redeem the Dead.

## STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

There are many factors which may impact missionary work. Some of them have been listed above as either "challenges" or "opportunities." Here are some additional considerations:

1. Virtually all missionary work is done at the local (unit) level.
2. Just as one stake differs from another, so do wards and branches; therefore, in order to be most effective, a member/missionary plan must include local unit input, respond to local conditions and have local ownership.
3. The mission provides the spectrum of effectiveness in full-time missionaries; over time, there will be more effective and less effective missionaries assigned to a given unit. The same may be true of a given unit's local missionary resources.
4. Missions tend to push ahead with their own plans and procedures, some of which may be consistent with local leadership wishes, some of which may not.
5. In recent years, the First Presidency has placed greater emphasis on missionaries to be involved with conversion, retention and activation. "Every member a missionary" now includes, "Every missionary a member." The Arizona Tucson Mission has committed its resources to this end.

## OPERATIONAL IMPERATIVES

How the Arizona Tucson Mission will work with its (16) stakes and (1) district to accelerate the work is the very purpose for this plan. Its timing could not be better, in light of the recent formation of the Member Missionary Coordinating Council, of which each Stake President is a member. This plan will include as an imperative the focus of the brethren on conversion, retention and activation. We will also follow the guidelines in the Stake Mission Handbook. Other imperatives are:

1. The rate of conversion(s) will increase through a planned and integrated effort of both local and full-time missionary resources.
2. The percent of convert retention will rise sharply (the exact percent rise will be a local determinant) as conversion and retention become ward-wide efforts through the councils, auxiliaries and priesthood efforts.
3. The full-time missionaries will be utilized in activation as appropriate to work with less active members and "Bring souls back to Christ."
4. The work described above will be supervised by the Stake President, and the Bishop. It will be coordinated by the Stake Mission President and the Ward Mission Leader (see appendix).
5. The key individual at the local level is the Ward Mission Leader; it is critical that he be fully engaged and has the vision of this work.
6. The key meeting at the local level is the Missionary Correlation Meeting, where both stake and full-time missionaries report to the Ward Mission Leader.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Since each Stake President is responsible for missionary work in his own Stake, the ATM suggests the following as recommendations, to be either approved or amended by the Stake President.

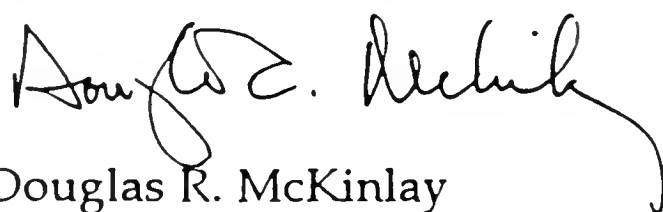
1. That each stake meet with the stake and full-time mission presidency members to consider this Unified Plan, and determine a local (stake) course of action; once determined, the plan is then presented to the bishops and ward mission leaders for their approval and development of a local unit plan. That plan is then presented at a meeting of all priesthood and auxiliary leaders so that all members of the ward know the plan for conversion, retention and activation.
2. That local plans reflect local needs and contain specific goals and objectives for conversion, retention and activation that can be delegated to both stake and full-time missionaries for weekly follow-up and reporting at the missionary correlation meeting and/or PEC.
3. That the ATM train its missionaries to respond to local direction and become full partners in helping the ward reach its objectives for conversion, retention and activation.
4. That only in the absence of a functioning WML and a local plan will the full-time missionaries take the lead (move to a pro-forma plan) in helping establish and achieve short-term ward goals.
5. That there is a strong sense of ownership on the part of all local leaders, both priesthood and auxiliary.

## Note to Bishops:

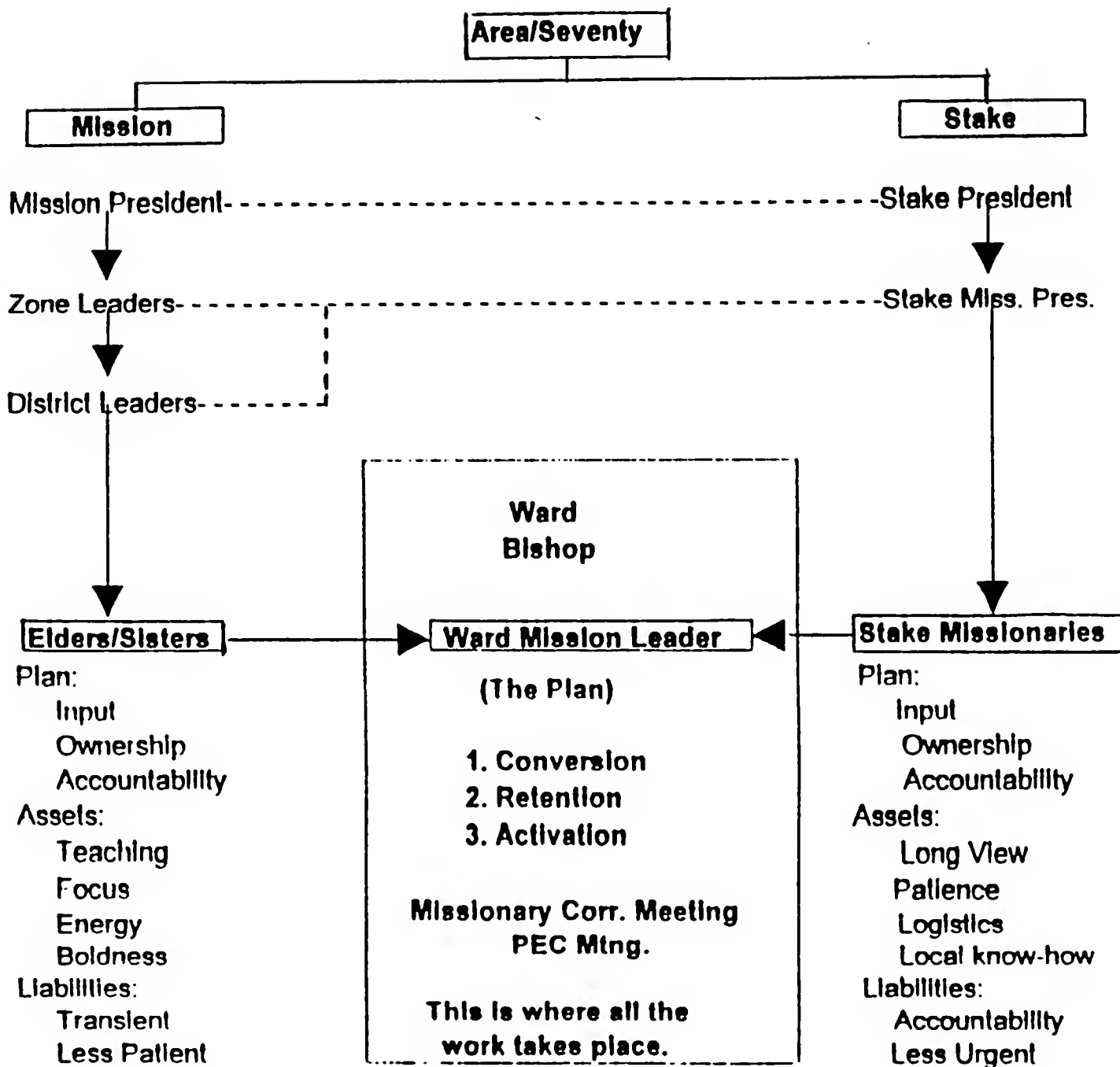
These materials are to help you get started in preparing your ward mission plan for 1998 and beyond --way beyond. They have been approved by your Stake President, and will help you achieve greater results in your broad missionary efforts of conversion, retention and activation. The Arizona Tucson Mission will help you in any way our resources will allow. Here are some tips:

1. The ultimate success of your ward mission plan rests heavily with the ward mission leader's attitude and commitment. If you have a less effective WML, please consider calling a committed leader to this key position.
2. We encourage you to follow-through and prepare your ward mission plan, no matter how simple it may be. The goals you set will become the driving force behind all related increases in activity and performance, and will motivate both the stake and full-time missionaries that serve in your ward --not to mention the priesthood and auxiliary groups.
3. Set the pace in the ward by having individuals share personal missionary experiences at the outset of all bishopric, committee, council and reporting meetings you hold, including ward council and PEC. You will notice the effect immediately.
4. Other bishops have found it extremely effective to call a member from each auxiliary presidency and priesthood quorum to sit on the Ward Missionary Council for a rotating period of six months, during which time he/she serves as an active participant in the weekly missionary correlation meeting.

Many thanks for your support of this great work,

  
Douglas R. McKinlay

## A Unified Plan



Stake and full-time missionaries and ward members work together to accomplish common goals in Conversion, Retention and Activation, as determined in the Ward Plan. The Ward Mission Leader is the key, utilizing all assets and asking for weekly accountability from both stake and full-time missionaries.

For purposes of this model, the solid lines above note reporting relationships; dotted lines suggest working relationships.



## ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability for missionary work starts with priesthood and auxiliary leadership and flows down to each member individually. As a member of the newly-created Member Missionary Coordinating Council, and having approved this plan, your Stake Presidency has committed to be involved personally; each Bishop should do the same. As a Ward Mission Leader and Stake Missionary, you should have a strong personal commitment to be involved.

To help assure that each ward plan is carried out, there are some reporting lines --lines of accountability-- that should be emphasized (see the flow chart).

The Mission and Stake Presidents are accountable to the Area-assigned Seventy. The Stake Mission President is directly accountable to the Stake President, as is the Bishop. The stake missionaries are accountable to the Stake Mission President, and to the Ward Mission Leader. Local Zone Leaders are accountable to the Mission President but coordinate directly with stake presidents. The missionary companionships are accountable to their district and zone leaders, the Assistants to the President, and ultimately, the president. But with implementation of this plan, full-time missionaries are now also accountable to the Ward Mission Leader for reporting purposes.

With the development of common missionary objectives at the ward level, stake and full-time missionaries work together to achieve local results. The full-time missionaries no longer have "separate agendas" or goals for baptism: The ward goal is the mission goal for that area.

The Arizona Tucson Mission will begin immediately to ask for ward success stories in conversion, retention and activation in our district- and zone-level accountability reports.

## **List of Special Meetings and Visiting Dignitaries**

**July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1999**

- ▶ **Mission Tour: August 31 - September 2, 1996: Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen; Tucson, El Paso, Willcox: combined Zone Conferences; Sister Jeannine Mickelsen accompanied.**
- ▶ **Annual North American Southwest (NASW) Area Training Meeting; November 15-16, 1996 at the Marriott Airport Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. President Boyd K. Packer, Quorum of the Twelve, and Elder Dean L. Larsen of the NASW Area Presidency. Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen also attended, as well as Sisters Larsen and Mickelsen. Mission Presidents' Seminar for all mission presidents and their wives preceded the Area Training Meeting from 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 13, and concluded on Friday, November 15 at 12:00 noon.**
- ▶ **President Gordon B. Hinckley, Prophet and President of the Church; Special Meeting, Mission-wide Special Conference at the Tucson Stake Center, December 14, 1996, at 9:30 - 10:30 am, with all ATM missionaries. (President Hinckley came to dedicate the Mormon Battalion Monument, and consented to speak to our ATM missionaries.)**
- ▶ **March Zone Conference Tour; Dr. Dewey C. MacKay from St. George, Utah, toured the ATM with us, interviewed each missionary; he and Sister MacKay gave workshops on missionary health.**
- ▶ **Missionary Training Satellite Broadcast, April 25, 1997, 9:30 am.**
- ▶ **Interim Mission Presidents' Seminar in Phoenix, Arizona; NASW Area Presidency; last week of April, 1997.**
- ▶ **ATM Tour with President Lynn A. Mickelsen, May 16-19, 1997; accompanied by Sister Jeannine Mickelsen; El Paso, Tucson, Willcox.**
- ▶ **Missionary Training Satellite Broadcast, August 29, 1997, 8:20 am - 1:00 pm.**
- ▶ **Annual NASW Area Mission Presidents' Seminar, October 23-24, 1997 at the Best Western Grace Inn, Ahwatuckee, Phoenix, Arizona. Elder Henry B. Eyring, Quorum of the Twelve, Elder Earl C. Tingey, Presidency of the Seventy, and Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen of the First Quorum of the Seventy (and wives). The annual**

Area Training meeting for Mission Presidents, but not wives, followed the seminar at the Ahwatukee Ward Meeting House, 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Knox Road in Phoenix.

- ▶ Elder D. Todd Christofferson, First Quorum of the Seventy and new Counselor in the NASW Area Presidency, ATM Tour, Tucson, Sierra Vista, Gila Valley, November 14-16, 1997 (Sister Christofferson accompanied).
- ▶ Follow-up Training with Brother Richard Heaton, February 26 - 28, 1998; Media and Missionary Exchanges Training.
- ▶ Annual NASW Area Mission Presidents' Seminar, Area Presidency: Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen, Elder Angel Abrea, and Elder D. Todd Christofferson, with Elder Dallin Oaks, Quorum of the Twelve; May 5-6, 1998, Phoenix, Arizona.
- ▶ ATM Tour with Elder Angel Abrea and Sister Maria Abrea, June 13-16, 1998; Tucson, Sierra Vista, Gila Valley and New Mexico West, El Paso, Mount Franklin, Roswell and New Mexico East Zones.
- ▶ Elder Lynn A. Mickelsen and Sister Jeannine Mickelsen, September 13, 1998, Training in Tucson only (in connection with Regional Conference).
- ▶ Annual NASW Area Annual Mission Presidents' Seminary, Montgomery (Houston), Texas, Del Lago Conference center, February 16 - 19, 1999; President Rex D. Pinegar, Angel Abrea, and Merrill C. Oaks, and wives.

## ATM 1998 Baptism Reports

### Monthly Report Figures (Taken from White Slips)

January	79
February	44
March	65
April	70
May	84
June	87
July	85
August	62
September	72
October	77
November	78
December	69
TOTAL	872

## Ethnicity Figures

Caucasians	491
Hispanics	333
African Americans	26
Asians	7
Native Americans	12
Jewish	2
Polynesians	1
TOTALS	872

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## Source of Findings

Member Referrals	305	(35%)
Part-Member Family	238	(28%)
Full-Time Missionaries	163	(18%)
Media Referrals	91	(10%)
Other (Self; Visitor Center)	75	( 9%)
TOTALS	872	

## Baptisms By Stake

Alamogordo District	33
Duncan	24
Mount Franklin	121
El Paso	84
Las Cruces	58
Pima	13
Roswell	45
Safford	51
Sierra Vista	41
Silver City	39
St. David	49
Thatcher	29
Tucson	59
Tucson East	41
Tucson North	52
Tucson Rincon	80
Tucson West	53
TOTAL	872







## Come unto Christ

# THE MISSION VOICE

August 1996 Vol: 1

### To Serve With Honor *by President McKinlay*

There is a notion in the mission that to survive for two years means that you have served an honorable mission. Nothing could be further from the truth. To survive for two years means that you have merely survived for two years.

Now, to serve an honorable mission means that you indeed serve with honor. That you are true to each covenant you made in the Temple; that you are true to the white Missionary Handbook; that you live the Mission Rules; that your life is in conformance with the Savior's teachings and in harmony with his spirit. In point of fact, to the extent your conduct does not reflect the above parameters you are serving a less than honorable mission.

This mission has a destiny. In order for us to reach that destiny, it is incumbent upon all of us as missionaries to begin here and now to create a new legacy for the Arizona Tucson Mission. It is a legacy of focus on Christ, and honor in service. Before most of you face the delta transfer, this mission will be known as a place of honor, exactness, success and joy. Prospective missionaries will read with great joy their call to serve in the Arizona Tucson Mission, a mission filled with honor and love.

Sister McKinlay and I love you with an inescapable, unconditional love. You are the best, getting even better.

### Δ Delta Transfer

Departures: Aug 13, 1996 Elders: John Deutler, Daniel

Witt, Bryan Sadler, Tyler Kidman, Nephi Thompson,

Ken Weiner

Arrivals: Jennifer Collier

Departures: Aug 14, 1996 Elders: Robert Christensen,

Mike Krein, Wade Buckley, Corby Richards, Jesse Barrus,

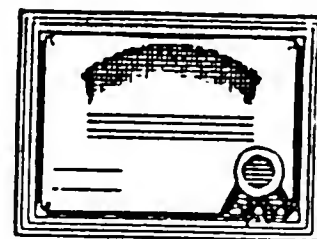
John Wiggins, Duane Johnson

Arrivals: Aug 26, 1996 Elders: Mont Kunzler,

John Mickelsen,

Arrivals: Keri Williams, Amber DeGiorgio,

John Waldrip



### MASTERY PROGRAM

#### Qualified:

Elders: G. Daley, D. Haigh, D. Payne,  
J. Ashton, E. Marquez, J. Salisbury,  
D. Mahoney, J. Stewart, B. Lowry

#### Certified:

Sisters: J. Bardin, J. Keys, N. Sianava  
Elders: J.G. Rugg, K. Baumann, L. Siems,  
J. Lear, M. Rasmussen,

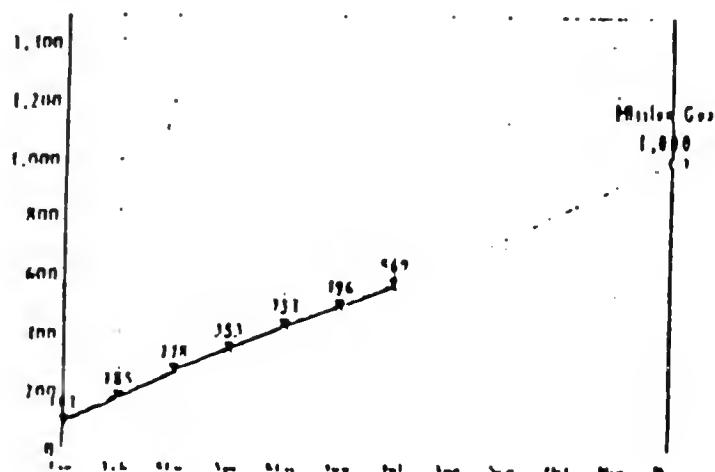
#### Mastered:

Sisters: K. Rose, C. Glad,  
Sisters: A. Smith  
Elders: M. Hemen, O. Fristrom

## ZONE LEADER'S EVALUATION AND GOALS

Zone	Zone Leader	July Baptisms	August Goal	Companionship of the Month
Tucson N.	Elder Smith	8	16	Elder Daylock & Crapo
Tucson	Elders Hemmon & Hugoyne	8	26	Elders Larson & Sheffield
Tucson E.	Elder Pratt	4	10	Elders Wiener & Eager
Tucson R.	Elder R. Palmer	0	10	Sisters Collier, Bradley, Sianava
Sierra Vista	Elder Hale	4	15	Elders Davis & Hoffman
Gila Valley	Elder Peterson	19	32	Elders Aeschliman & Vance
Silver City	Elder Adair	4	12	Elders Thurgood, Ward, Adamson
Las Cruces	Elder Schiess	7	13	Sisters Andrews & Munn
Roswell	Elder Merrill	8	12	Elders Christensen & Hales
Mt. Franklin	Elder Fitzgerald	6	12	Sisters Francis & Munn
Mt. Franklin	Elder Shaeffer	3	12	Sisters Merkle, Guajardo, Schiefelbine
El Paso	Elder Deutler	2	12	Sisters Corberan, Lee, Conrad
El Paso S.	Elder Briceno	1	10	Sisters Reyes & Stovall
Total		73	192	

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### MONEY SAVER

By Elder Holdaway

- Turn off air conditioner when you leave apartment
- Don't use \*69 on telephones.

### HEALTH TIPS

By Sister Johnson

"Take care of you"  
Eat lots of fruit and Vegetables  
during summer months and  
drink lots of water!

### SAFETY CORNER

By Elder Johnson

When visiting members homes or giving discussions to investigators please park your vehicle so that the chance of it being backed into are minimal. We have had 4 vehicles backed into in the past two months. Please check where you park for everyone's benefit.

### Worthy Soldiers Receive a Rest

President Karl (and Sister Thelma) Fenn have been released after serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission presidency since its creation over six years ago. They have served admirably here, as they have in all of their past church assignments, which have included being a Mission President, and President of the MTC in Mexico City. It is with love and deep gratitude for their service that we bid them adieu. You can reach them at IIRC Box 2, Benson, AZ 85602.



### Flood the Mission With The Book of Mormon

By The Assistants

In the Doctrine and Covenants 42:12 it says, "And again, the elders, priests, and teachers of this church shall teach the principles of my gospel, which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in the which is the fulness of the gospel." each of us as missionaries have been going out each day and working as hard as we can to bring souls to Christ. Let us first say that we are truly excited about the work going on through the mission and the spiritual growth you are all experiencing.

Former prophet, seer, and revelator of the church, President Ezra Taft Benson taught throughout most of his ministry on earth the importance of the Book of Mormon. He taught us of the power it contained and that it was the "Keystone of our religion." At one time President Benson said, "Flood the earth with the Book of Mormon," which had a profound effect upon the saints of the church at that time. Presently the only place the Book of Mormon is flooding in the Arizona Tucson Mission is our storage room. We have noticed in the recent months that the Book of Mormon

placements have gone down quite a bit. There was a time about a year ago, near the time we achieved 100 baptisms, that we were turning out of Book of Mormons halfway through the month. Why is that not the case today?

Just think of the converting power of the Book of Mormon. Satan knows the power the Book of Mormon has. That is why almost every bit of anti literature and tactic used by him tries to keep people from reading the Book of Mormon. We testify to you that the more lives the Book of Mormon touches, the more souls will come to Christ. In short, let us again express our love for each one of you and our gratitude for the work you are doing. We challenge each of us to follow the counsel of one of our modern day prophets to flood the Arizona Tucson Mission with the Book of Mormon.



# THE MISSION VOICE

AND THE EYES OF OUR  
UNDERSTANDING WERE  
OPENED

September 1996 Vol. 2

## Seeing By The Power of the Spirit *by President McKinlay*

Rarely in recorded scripture do we have a vision with the dimension of D&C Section 76. Here, the prophet Joseph and Sidney Rigdon comprehend the vastness of eternity, and the places of glory available. A vision of this magnitude was made possible as it says in verse 12, "By the power of the spirit our eyes were opened and our understandings were enlightened, so as to see and understand the things of God." In much the same way, our eyes can be opened by the power of the spirit and we can understand more fully the things of God.

Last month I spoke of a destiny for the Arizona Tucson Mission. Now, I ask that you ponder your individual destiny as missionary. As you perform your labors "under the power of

the spirit" you will be blessed with an increased understanding of who you are, eternally, and who you can become while serving your mission here. You will also be blessed with an increased understanding of the scriptures as you study and comprehend them under that same power. Then, as you testify of this work it will be with ever-increasing power and conviction. May the Lord bless you to this end.

Sister McKinlay and I again convey our inescapable, unconditional love.



August 28, 1996

### CONGRATULATIONS

Dear President McKinlay:

We would like to congratulate you and your missionaries for the excellent safe-driving record you have established during the current year. Your mission ranks among the top five missions in the U.S. and Canada in maintaining accident-free driving.

Please let your missionaries and your mission vehicle coordinator know that their record is closely observed and much appreciated by those of us who have a concern for minimizing the costs of maintaining a fleet of mission vehicles. We encourage continued attention to this area of administrative responsibility in the mission.  
Sincerely, Area Presidency

### MASTERY PROGRAM

#### Qualified

##### Sisters:

N. Sampson

M. Timinarii

##### Elders:

B. Bell

M. Longtin

J. Thimber

#### Certified

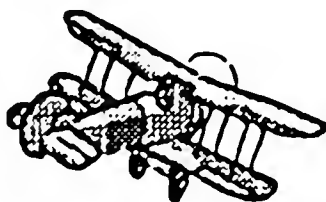
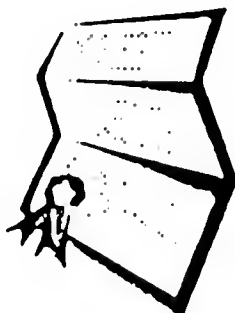
##### Sister

J. Morehouse

Elder M. Gilbert

#### Mastered

Elder G. Smith



### DELTA TRANSFER

#### Departures

September 11, 1996

Elders: D. Ashton, J. Bloom,

J. Engstrom, C. Hales,

C. McConnell, N. Merrill,

D. Olson, L. Palmer, M. Ross,

B. Schiess, D. Smith

September 17, 1996

Sisters: T. Allen, K. Conrad,

R. Scheifeldbine, M. Smith,

S. Stovall

September 24, 1996

Elder D. McPhie



#### Arrivals

September 11, 1996

Elders: D. Black, S. Bingham,

J. Crosby, B. Flanders, C. Green,

J. Hadfield, T. Hoskins,

B. Powell, K. Spackman,

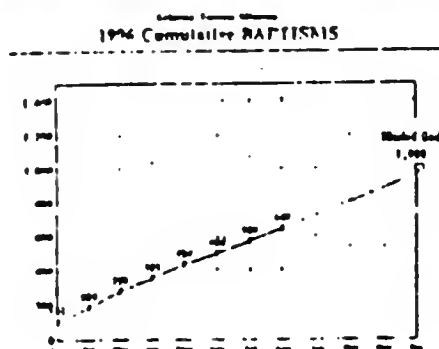
S. Theobald

Sisters: S. Hufford, M. Hunter,

E. Moss, A. Nelson, W. Phippen,

M. Rockwell, C. Romine

		August	September	
	Zone Leader	Baptisms	Goal	Companionship of the Month
Tucson N.	E. Smith	4	20	E. Rigby & Heaton
Tucson	E. Hingoyne, Shiest	19	22	S. Keyes, Allen, Reyes
Tucson E.	E. Pratt	4	15	E. Fisher, Shelton, Tippetts
Tucson R.	E. Hemmen, Palmer	9	11	E. Bowen & Mendell
Sierra Vista	E. Hale	8	15	S. Smith & Knickerbocker
Gila Valley	E. Peterson	14	32	E. Youngblood & Roberts
N.M. West	E. Heideman, Adair	8	20	E. Ashton & Wiggins
Roswell	E. Merrill	5	12	E. Miller & Johnson
Mt. Franklin	E. Fitzgerald, E. Schaffer	16	14	E. Ashton, Beckes, McPhee
El Paso	E. Briceno, Bowman	7	20	E. Bingham & Baumann
Total		93	181	



Elders and Sisters, may we express our love and gratitude for you all. Many of you know us quite well, others may know only our face, but we promise with all of our hearts that we love and pray for you daily. For a moment, may we ask that you study, ponder, and pray about the things we wish to share.

It's always humbling to look unto the Savior and contemplate that which He has done for us and will continue to do for us. There comes a great feeling of gratitude and a desire to serve Him as we ponder and learn more about Him. We would like to help you continue the process of learning. The Lord revealed to Solomon a great promise that we can apply in our service as prophets over our own areas. 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive

their sin, and will heal their land. As we seek his face the spirit expands our view and opens our eyes to a new vision. One in which we are able to be instruments in helping the Lord to heal our own lands.

We have all been able to recognize those missionaries, members or investigators which seek Christ. They stand out because there is a glow and a sweet inner peace which accompanies them. It's wonderful to follow Christ's words to obtain peace. In Matthew 11:28-30 we read, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light," D&C:38, "seek the face of the Lord always, that in patience ye may possess your souls, and ye shall have eternal life." D&C 122:8, "The son of man hath descended below them



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

"More P's for Preparation Day"

o Play with Care. Use common sense and take care of your body.

o Pay attention to what you are doing. Don't hurt yourself, others, or property.

o Prepare your clothes, apt. & food for the coming week.

TAKE CARE OF YOU!!



## VEHICLE CORNER

by Elder Johnsen  
To drive defensively you MUST believe that every vehicle on the road is a potential enemy and that you are a target for them. This includes vehicles ahead of you, behind you, to either side of you, stopped at stop signs, stopped at red lights, in driveways, parked at the curb, parked in a parking lot, moving in a parking lot, and perhaps even that car leaving Kansas City when you in fact are in Las Cruces, NM. Driving defensively means that you will be on the alert constantly WITH ALL DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS ALERT AND READY TO SOUND THE ALARM YOU CAN'T HAVE TOO MANY "BACK SEAT DRIVERS!"



## COME UNTO CHRIST BOLDLY

by the Assistants

all Art thou greater than he?" We know the Arizona Tucson Mission has many people in which we have been talking about, full of light and love.

We understand the room for improvement will always be the largest room in the home. Let's continue to learn of the Savior so we can live after his manner of living. As we develop the faith necessary to truly follow Christ we will be able to, as President McKinlay says, "Come unto Christ boldly!"

The things we have shared are important, but they aren't nearly as important as the things the spirit will teach you. May we all be able to do this is our prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

We've kept the faith...Let's keep the trust!

Elder Heideman  
Elder Rasmussen

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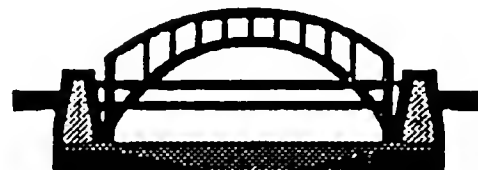


"HE THAT FINDETH HIS LIFE SHALL  
LOSE IT;  
AND HE THAT LOSETH HIS LIFE FOR MY  
SAKE, SHALL FIND IT."

# THE MISSION VOICE

October 1996 Vol. 2

## Make Your Mission Connection by President McKinlay



You can derive tremendous joy from your service as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Moreover, you can do it every day. The way to do this is to lose yourself in Christ; to have your will swallowed up in His; to literally turn yourself over to Him. The Savior said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 10:39. This will be our theme for the month of November, 1996. These next four weeks, as you lose yourself in the service of others and strive to baptize each of those weeks, you will by definition be losing yourself in Christ. When you do so, you will then find yourself - your true eternal personality - and you will become one with our mission, one with your Master.

Unfortunately, some few serve their full terms and never make the connection, never quite understand what their mission

is all about, and what this wonderful work can do for them. Therefore, they fail to reap the blessings reserved for those "lost" in the service of the Lord. I use this inept analogy: they dance around the mulberry bush, but never taste the berries.

We have only two months - just eight weeks - to reach this year's goal of 1,000 baptisms. It will take 25 baptisms every single week in order to achieve this goal. With full faith and trust in the Lord, I know you can do it!

May the Lord so bless each of you...

### The Age of the Page

Most of you have adapted to the new "age of the page" surprisingly well. For those who have not yet caught the vision, consider this:

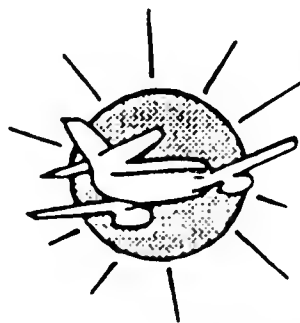
1. Pagers allow you to reach media referrals while they are still in the spirit: quick response time is our greatest asset when contacting referrals.

2. Pagers promote better planning: the better you plan, the more a pager becomes a working tool and not a drawback.

3. Pagers create improved interdependence with members: you now need members more than ever, which means more ways to add value.

4. Pagers can help you focus on your area: a quieter apartment gives you the time to update your area book, focus on resolving investigator concerns, find new ways to involve members in the work.

This tool will bring more souls to Christ. Let's use it wisely and productively.



### DELTA TRANSFER

#### Departures

October 08, 1996

Elders: Jeffrey Chapman,  
Jonathan Dyches,  
Riley Hepworth,  
Benjamin Miller, Jared  
Smith, Brian Williams,  
Thomas Willis  
Sisters: Heather Scott,  
Karen Plunkett

#### Arrivals

Elder Cody Jones 10/14  
Elder Jeffrey Chinn 10/24



#### Arrivals

October 09, 1996

Elders: Matthew Arritt,  
Elwin Harrison, Nathan  
Hines, Dan Larned,  
Markus Long,  
Hollis Martin, Don  
Mooney, Darin Orton,  
William Wells  
Sister Shannon Webster

### MASTERY PROGRAM

#### Qualified

Sisters:  
S. Stovall  
Elders:  
T. Andrews  
C. Beckes  
B. Bultsma  
C. Holt  
J. Hull  
D. Johnson  
K. Krein  
R. Rhoades  
C. Snow  
T. Weimer

#### Certified

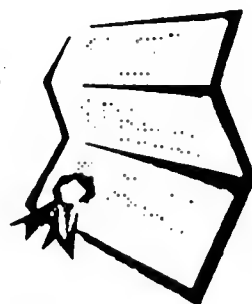
Sisters:  
M. Bradley  
H. Scott  
Elders:  
R. Hepworth  
S. Porter  
A. Williams

#### Mastered

Sisters:  
M. Bradley  
K. Rose  
H. Scott

#### Mastered

Elders:  
K. Bowman  
G. Southern  
M. Winward





		September	October	
	Zone Leader	Baptisms	Cool	Companionship of the Month
Tucson N.	E. Smith & Siems	5	23	E. Langlin & Bell
Tucson	E. Peterson & Shaffer	18	25	E. Salisbary & Theobald
Tucson E.	E. Pratt & Stewart	5	10	S. Corbican & Reyes
Tucson R.	E. Hemmon & Harris	8	16	E. Lear & Flanders
Sierra Vista	E. Hale & Shepherd	1	15	E. Ross & Chapman
Gila Valley	E. Durgoyne	8	26	E. Youngblood & Willis
N.M. West	E. Adair & Palmer	12	25	S. Pitts & Scott
Roswell	E. Thompson	1	16	E. Miller & Johnson
Mt. Franklin	E. Fitzgerald & Sears	9	18	E. Pearl & Weiner
El Paso	E. Bowman & Poor	14	20	E. Porter & Nelson
Total		81	204	



## TURN OUR LIVES OVER TO THE LORD

by the Assistants

Elder Rasmussen and Elder Heideman

Christ has taught us that, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 10:39). As we pondered these words of the Savior, our minds began to reflect on the words of the prophet Alma as he preached to them throughout the land among his people. He spoke of a mighty change of heart that came upon his father and also those that followed his teachings.

"Behold they were in the midst of darkness, nevertheless their souls were illuminated by the light of the everlasting word...and behold they were faithful until the end, therefore they were saved" (Alma 5:7, 11). What was it that brought about this mighty change and allowed them to sing the song of re-

deeming love? It was because, "they humbled themselves and put their trust in the true and living God" (Alma 5:13). This step allowed them to turn their lives over to the Lord so that his will became their own. Those who truly lose their lives in his service and the administration of His will, come to find their soul clothed in power and glory in the eternal realms of a loving Heavenly Father.

May we again express our deep felt love toward you. We are grateful for the efforts that have been made as you have sought to obtain His will and then carry it out. May we all seek to more deeply consecrate our time and our lives to Him is our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnson

When you receive authorization to see a doctor there is a time limit, usually 3-5 days. Please make your appointment without delay or you may not be covered. This autumn weather, layer your clothes so you are warm when it is cold and cool as the day warms.

TAKE CARE  
OF YOU!!

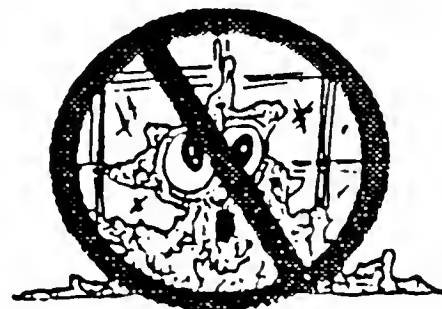


## CAR CZAR'S CORNER

by Elder Johnson

I had a wonderful trip last Zone Conference and it was a pleasure to see all of you again. Cars look great which reflects the pride you have in your mission call. Still having cars backed into. Two more in Tucson while I was out with you. No place is safe - even church parking lots. Luv ya!!

## MISSION WIDE DUST-BUSTER DAY!



The scary rumor is that the Arizona Tucson Mission is going to be hit hard on Wednesday, November 14th! Vibrations are going to be felt mission wide as the ATM missionaries respond to the dust-buster call and attack dirt, grime, slime, microscopic germs, green fungi and growths. Who ya' gonna' call? The ATM Dust-Busters! Nothin' out lives the Dust-Busters!

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# THE MISSION VOICE

"...faith is things which are hoped for and not seen; wherefore, dispute not because ye see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith." Ether 12:6

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## Goals, Tests and Trials by Faith by President McKinlay

We have just completed a wonderful round of Zone Conferences. The spirit has been with us in rich abundance; in many instances, missionaries' lives have been and are being turned toward Christ like never before. As a mission, we are beginning to live a higher law and receive the blessings of obedience and serving more honorable missions. It is happening. The first week in November we had 33 baptisms - a recent high for a single week.

We need to continue this kind of conversion level in order to reach our 1996 goal of 1,000 conversions for the Lord. We need to add 5 and commit 2 in order to baptize one each week per companionship. We know this is possible, but it takes great faith: faith in ourselves, faith in our members,

and faith in Christ in order to accomplish this.

As suggested in Ether 12:6, our faith is being tried on an individual basis and on a mission-wide basis. But, we are rising to the challenge: passing the test, making it happen right here in the Arizona, Tucson Mission.

We look forward to seeing you again soon. And remember, we love you unconditionally, inseparably.

President and Sister McKinlay

### Prophet to Visit AZ Tucson Mission

As you know by now, there is a special event coming soon. Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley will be coming to dedicate the Mormon Battalion monument on Sat., Dec. 14, 1996. On that day, he has agreed to spend one hour with us. Outline:

#### Friday, December 13, 1996

Arrive at Tucson Stake Center by noon, using mission vehicles as assigned - no exceptions. Eat lunch before arrival. Meetings throughout the afternoon and evening. Mission dinner at Golden Corral, a \$5 charge per missionary. Spend night as assigned, with missionaries - no exceptions.

#### Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996

7:45am Testimony Meeting and special meeting with Pres. Hinckley. Wrap-up and pictures/leave by 1:00 pm. Please prepare spiritually for this unusual opportunity. Merry Christmas! See you all there! Love, Pres and Sis McKinlay

### MASTERY PROGRAM

#### Qualified

Sisters:

S. Hufford

R. Munus

Elders:

J. Aeschliman

E. Crapo

S. Durfee

J. Evans

B. Flanders

D. Harris

B. McMurdie

B. Shepherd

S. Theobald

B. Vance

J. Woodin

D. Youngblood

B. Zivic

#### Certified

Sisters:

J. Pitts

N. Sianava

Elders:

B. Shepherd

### Mastered:

Sisters:

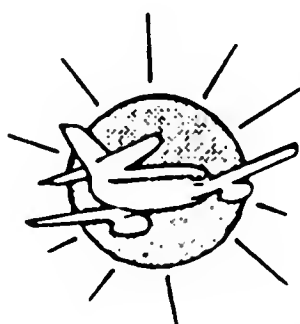
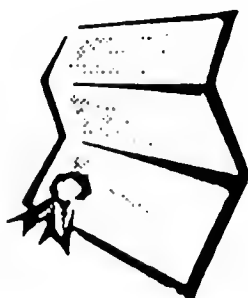
R. Hahl

C. Gilad

Elders:

T. Marshall

C. Mortensen



### DELTA TRANSFER

Departures

November 06, 1996

Elders:

Cameton Blaylock

Matthew Burgoyne

Scott Edstrom

Jared Small, Jeffrey

Gourley, Dalen Martin

Brandon Nelson

David Pratt

Arrivals 11/24

Elder Kyle Poffenberger

Elder Jason Yancey



### Arrivals

November 06, 1996

Elders: Grant Adams

Ruston Hadley, Daniel

Ison, Daniel Johnson

Michael Topping

Nathan Wood

Sisters: Natalia Cardona,

Marney Dudley, Abbie

Froeter, RaeAnne Wang



October November

	Zone Leader	Baptisms	Goal	Companionship of the Month
Tucson N.	E. Hale	3	12	E. Hendrickson & Durfee
Tucson	E. Schaffer & E. Rasmussen	4	26	E. Edstrom & Hingham
Tucson E.	E. Stewart	7	11	S. Corberran & Reyes
Tucson R.	E. Hemmon & Harris	1	12	E. Holt & Hines
Sierra Vista	E. Shepherd & Jones	4	20	S. Andrews & Sampson
Gila Valley	E. Marquez	9	18	E. Lloyd & Nelson
N.M. West	E. Adair & Palmer	15	25	S. Tiniraurii & Merkley
Roswell	E. Smith & Hoffman	5	10	E. Baughman & Sheffield
Alt Franklin	E. Fitzgarrald	13	18	E. Nelson & Hadfield
El Paso	F. Bowman & Poor	9	24	E. Porter & DeGeoyer
Total		70	136	7 Media Ref Baptisms/Oct '96 8 Media Ref Baptisms/Jan Aug



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

Nine out of ten sore throats are viral and do not need medical attention.

Gargle with hot salt water and take aspirin or Tylenol as directed for aches and pains. If the sore throat persists, please call the office.

**TAKE CARE OF YOU!!**



## CAR CZAR'S CORNER

by Elder Johnsen

Beginning in the December 1996 gas allotments, the money will not be deposited until AFTER transfers. By going this route there should be no more money and no car or car and no money. Also, enough \$'s will be deposited to cover Xrs, ZC's, etc.. No refunds will be given!



## Faith Precedes Witness

by the Assistants

Elder Heideleman and Elder Pehrson

It is truly an honor to be able to share some of our feelings toward you and the theme for this month. In Ether 12:6 we read "...I would show unto the world that faith is things which are hoped for and not seen; wherefore, dispute not because ye see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith." It was wonderful to hear the goals or the forecast that each of you set for the next three weeks. Look how well those goals fit into that scripture. You set a goal that you can't see but you hope for it. Or in

other words, you exercised faith in the Savior that if you worked hard you will be blessed with children of our Heavenly Father to teach and baptize.

There is a great quote that describes this mission. "We pray as if everything depends on the Lord, and we're working as if everything depends on us".

We are humbled to see each of you get up before the sun comes up and work hard each day, and not let any trials slow you down because of your faith in the Savior.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS



We hope you are all now setting baptismal dates for your local "White Christmas" programs in each stake (or combined stakes). As opposed to the regular monthly zone conference schedules for Dec., Sister McKinlay and I will be interviewing many of you in your own apartments when we are in your zone, then attending the White Christmas programs that evening where possible.

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# THE MISSION VOICE

"...Yea, all of you be subject one to another,  
and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth  
the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."  
1 Peter 5:5

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## We should not tempt the Lord our God.

During the past two zone conferences we have discussed the subject of pride. We have read the words of President Benson and referenced the scriptures on the subject. Still, there are pockets of pride that are slowing our progress as a mission. There are Elders and Sisters who have placed themselves above the law, who believe that their own desires supersede mission rules, the white handbook, even the scriptures.

Let me say a word about pride and disobedience, or rather humility and obedience. May I reference President Hinckley's remarks at our recent mission conference, "Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers." (D&C 112:10). May I suggest that pride and humility cannot occupy the same missionary at the same time. Neither can one be concurrently obedient and disobedient. It is pride which leads to disobedience and to

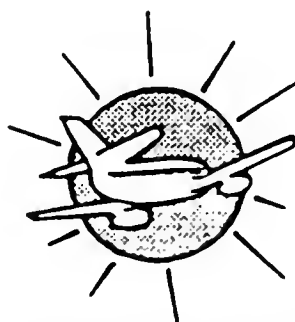
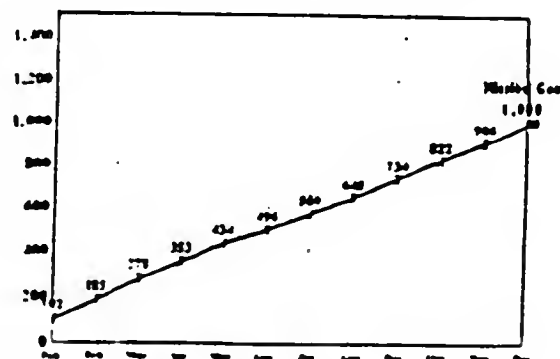
contention within companionships. The Lord put it this way, "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (3 Ne. 13:24).

Let me be clear on the matter: This is God's work. If you do not have a desire to serve Him and Him only, I would like to hear from you personally and directly. With all we have to do in the coming year, let us not waste even a moment, or tempt even God.

Sister McKinlay and I love you without hesitation or doubt.



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### DELTA TRANSFER

#### Departures

December 04, 1996

B. Anderson, A. Brown,  
J. Christensen, C. Dunford  
L. Francis, M. Gilbert  
J. Goodsell, R. Hahl  
M. Hemeon, E. Hoffman  
M. Lawry, D. Merkley  
J. Morchouse, B. Shepherd  
A. Smith, J. Stewart  
M. Winward

December 12, 1996

M. Wesley

December 17, 1996

E. Gregory Heideman



#### Arrivals

December 04, 1996

I. Balcells, L. Davidson  
R. Gardner, R. Gibb  
B. Lemmon, C. Moss  
M. Nelson, D. Philbrick  
M. Tracy, C. Truscott  
G. Walker, J. Ward  
A. Watts, H. Weston  
U. Wong

### MASTERY PROGRAM

#### Qualified

Sisters:  
M. Andrew  
S. Webster

Elders:  
R. Christensen  
J. Foote  
D. Mooney  
D. Orton

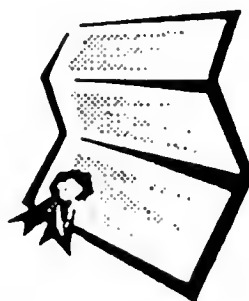
#### Certified

Sisters:  
R. Goodrich

Elders:  
C. Beckes  
S. Van -  
Danme  
R. Palmer

#### Mastered:

Sisters:  
J. Morchouse



		November	December	
	Zone Leader	Baptisms	Goal	Companionship of the Month
Tucson N.	E. Hale	6	29	E. Payne & Ison
Tucson	E. Rasmussen	14	51	E. Schofield & Goodsell
Tucson E.	E. Schaffer & E. Youngblood	6	11	S. Jensen & Foote
Tucson R.	E. Harris	12	12	E. Niceler and Flanders
Sierra Vista	E. Jones	5	13	S. Hahl & Hufford
Gila Valley	E. Marquez	6	32	S. Rose & Phippen
N M. West	E. Adair & Palmer	12	18	E. Gilbert & Wilde
Roswell	E. Smith	6	12	E. Anderson & Wells
Mt. Franklin	E. Fitzgarrald	14	19	E. Morales & Thurber
El Paso	E. Poor & Ashton	7	18	E. Crowley & Lowrey
Total		88	215	



## “Clothed With Humility”

by the Assistants

Elder Pehrson and Elder Bowman

It is a great opportunity to be able to share our thoughts and feelings with all of you on this month's theme of 1 Peter 5:5. As Peter tells us in the end of the verse, we must “be clothed with humility” for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” There isn't a better time of year to study this subject than right now during the Christmas season. Christ provided the perfect example.

In addition to His example, Christ gave us many great teachings on humility. As mortals, our eternal goal is exaltation with our Heavenly Father. Christ gave us a very simple

statement as to how to achieve this when he said, “...he that shall humble himself shall be exalted”. (Matt., 23:12)

Paralleling this is the question that Alma poses to us in the 27th verse of chapter 5. “Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble?” This is a question we should ask ourselves quite often.

Elders and Sisters, let us strive to be humble so that we may be effective instruments in the Lord's hands.

We love you!



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

There is lots of flu around. Please be extra conscious of personal hygiene. Wash your hands often and especially before eating anything. If your companion is sick, use extra caution about sharing - towels, cups, etc. Layer clothes so you can regulate body temperature. Do not become overheated or chilled.



## CAR CZAR'S CORNER

by Elder Johnsen

Now that the holidays (at least Christmas) is over and we settle back into our regular routine, I'm happy to report that for the last six months of the year we have had no “preventable” accidents. Quite a number of “non-preventables”, and hopefully by paying very close attention to where we are parking we can do away with those also!

Luv ya' muchly

## TAKE CARE OF YOU!!

## APARTMENTS MEET EXPECTATIONS

Congratulations to the majority of the mission! We were able to visit many of you in your apartments and enjoyed sharing our Christmas message of faith and leaving a blessing on you, your area and companionship. We would like to thank the zone leaders who are helping us in this very large undertaking. They will continue to check your apts. monthly (with the same standards). Member apt co-coordinators are also being called to check your apts. quarterly and to help you with your apt. needs.

Some of your apartments are being upgraded due to the efforts of our zone leaders. Let us remember our stewardship; if we have a problem with our apt., let's check with the apt. management and graciously request their assistance. They usually respond positively. Remember:

D&C 94:9 “But if there shall come into it any unclean thing, my glory shall not be there; and my presence shall not come into it.” — of spiritual and temporal significance!



# THE MISSION VOICE

"...Yea, all of you be subject one to another,  
and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth  
the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5

January, 1997 Vol. 6

## *Obedience Brings Forth the Blessings of Heaven.*

After humility comes obedience, and then the blessings of heaven. Just as surely as the night follows the day, a humble missionary is an obedient missionary.

As a mission, we need greater humility; this is often manifest in the form of a broken heart and a contrite spirit. The Savior in fact commanded us to offer a sacrifice of a broken heart and contrite spirit (see 3 Ne. 9:20; 12:19).

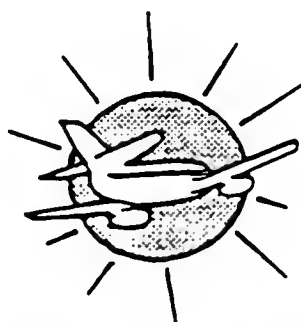
As we begin this new year, it would be well for each of us to ponder our relationship with the Lord, and our commitment level to his work and kingdom here in the Arizona Tucson Mission. Are you even now offering Him a broken heart? Do you come to Him daily with a contrite spirit? Are you humble enough to be obedient enough to receive the individual blessings He has prepared for you, specifically, as one of his missionaries?

Have you stripped yourself of pride and envy? Have you subjected your own will to His, even as He subjected His will to that of the Father? If not, "...I would that (you) should prepare quickly, for the hour is close at hand...for such an one is not found guiltless" (see Alma 5:28-29). Subjecting our will - our agency - to His is the only true sacrifice we can make to him, as suggested by Elder Neal A. Maxwell. I challenge each of us to yield our wills to that of the Master, so that 1997 will be a year of success at the personal, companionship and mission levels.

Sister McKinlay and I offer our unrelenting, continuous love.

## ATM hears from the Prophet

Dear President McKinlay: Thank you for your letter of December 21. I was very sick the Saturday I was with you and was not able to perform at my best. Nonetheless, we felt the Spirit of the Lord in our meeting with the missionaries...It was a full day for a man under the weather. Our very best wishes to you, Sister McKinlay, and your missionary associates. Sincerely,  
Gordon B. Hinckley



DELTA TRANSFER



## Mastery Program

### Qualified

Elders:  
E Johnson  
B Wilde

### Certified

Elder:  
M. Nelson

### Mastered

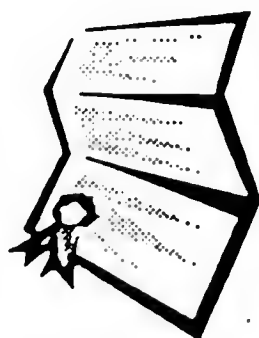
Sister:  
R. Goodrich

### Departures

January 07, 1997  
Sister R. Goodrich  
Elders A. Hale  
D. Mahoney  
C. Mortensen  
M. Pehrson  
S. Poor  
J. Rugg  
J. Sears  
N. Thurgood

### Arrivals

January 08, 1997  
Sisters B. Hendricks  
L. Noble  
D. Zelechowski  
Elders B. Alldredge  
S. Brinkerhoff  
J. Hall, J. Jones  
D. Potokar, D. Savage  
M. Small, J. West  
P. Wolf



## December January

	Zone Leader	Baptisms	Goal	Companionship of the Month
Tucson N.	E. Hale	5	26	E. Haigh & Kunzler
Tucson	E. Rasmussen	15	27	E. Crapo & Watts
Tucson E.	E. Schaffer & E. Yuungblood	3	14	S. Reyes & Rockwell
Tucson R.	E. Harris	4	16	E. Holt & Baumann
Sierra Vista	E. Jones	9	17	E. Andrews & Powell
Gila Valley	E. Marquez	6	18	E. Hendrickson & Weston
N.M. West	E. Adair & Palmer	7	20	E. Shelton & Kriepel
Roswell	E. Smith	7	30	S. Humphrey & Ward
Mt. Franklin	E. Fitzgarrald	16	20	E. Sears & Weimer
El Paso	E. Poor & Ashton	13	12	E. Huff & Tippetts
Total		85	220	



### HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

Stress is a fact of life but there are things we can do to relieve the pressure. Exercise is the best deterrent. Walk whenever you have the opportunity. When you proselyte, park the car in a central location and go out on foot. A warm bath or shower before bedtime will relax you. Eat "light" foods and drink plenty of water.

**TAKE CARE  
OF YOU!!**

### CAR CZAR'S

by Elder Johnsen

What part of "you MUST have an authorization number BEFORE work is performed on a vehicle" don't you (or at least many of you) understand?

The vehicle manual from SLC states that work performed on a vehicle without authorization can be charged to the Elder or Sister having the work done.



## "Follow the Prophet's Counsel"

by the Assistants

Elder Pehrson and Elder Bowman

Elders and sisters, we sure do love you, and appreciate the great work you are doing! Another great year has gone before the Arizona Tucson Mission. Each of us should be able to look back about six months and see a change in our lives. I hope the changes have brought you closer to the Savior and the spirit. As we think about the changes in our lives, we see the greatest changes were when we followed the counsel of the living prophet, "Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand and give thee answers to thy prayers." (D&C 112:10) When we are humble

and obedient the Lord can change our lives. A great example of that is Nephi. Nephi was always obedient and humble and the Lord made him a great leader, father, and missionary.

Let us all follow the words of the prophet and humble ourselves to the will of the Lord. We have a great challenge of 2000 baptisms this year. That number shows how much we care. In order to do that we need to double the effort and work we did last year. I wish I could be here to see you reach it; I know you can! Take care and may the Lord bless you.

## Goals Are Great

A goal gives you something to shoot at, something to go for. Earlier this year, the mission set a goal to have 1,000 baptisms by the end of 1996. We didn't make it (the bad news). But we set a new mission record (the good news) of 984 baptisms. Goals are funny that way; on your way to not making one goal, you reach new heights you never would have achieved otherwise. Is the glass half empty, or half full?

Please take the time to set some realistic goals for yourself for the coming year and prepare to reach new spiritual and performance heights in 1997. We have set a goal of 2,000 baptisms for 1997. I know that we are capable of reaching this goal if we will all set higher personal goals. To this end, may we "go forward and not backward," as encouraged by the Prophet Joseph Smith.





# THE MISSION VOICE

"..I do know that Christ shall come among the  
children of men, to take upon him the  
transgressions of his people..."

Alma 34:8

February, 1997 Vol. 7

## "It Is Expedient That An Atonement Should Be Made"

by *President Douglas R. McKinlay*

The theme for this month, the atonement, is the most central doctrine of all Christianity (see Alma 34:8-10). It is only in and through Jesus Christ that any of God's children may be saved. We all owe Him a universal debt of gratitude - for both immortality and for eternal life. This important doctrine is woven into all six discussions we teach as missionaries; it is the central theme of the Book of Mormon.

As missionaries, it is important for us to know and understand the atonement, and to experience its power in our lives on a regular, even daily, basis. This is what the Lord desires for us, and what I would desire for each of you within the Arizona Tucson Mission. Not only the redemptive but the spiritually uplifting and propelling power of the atonement is right here for us.

At Zone Conference this month we

will examine the doctrine of the atonement from several vantage points. We will read the words of the prophets concerning the atonement of Christ. We will teach one another how to use the atonement in our discussions to reach our investigators on a higher, more spiritual plane. We will see how applying the atonement in our own lives can strengthen us and enrich our lives as missionaries. We will come to know the Savior better than we know him now.

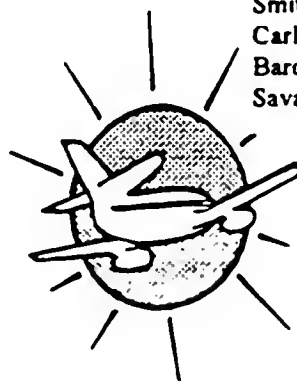
Please come to Zone Conference this month spiritually prepared to "feast at the table of Christ". Sister McKinlay and I anticipate being with you once again. Please accept our undying, endless, even eternal love for each of you.

### January, 1997 # of Baptisms

Elders Lowry/Hall	5
Sisters Corberan/Cardona	4
Elders Morales/Thurber	3
Elders Thurman/Spackman	3
Elders Hadfield/Theobald	2
Elders Nestman/West	2
Elders Hilllarn/Mortense	2
Elders Fisher/Hodson	2

### 1 Each Per Following Companionship

Elders McMurdie/Lemmon, Fitzgarrald/  
Nelson, Chatterley/Adamson, Keys/Wang,  
Adair/Holt, Mortensen/Balcells, Webster/  
Phippen, Barrus/Johnson, Bradley/Froerer,  
Eagar/Orton, Schaffer/McLean, Munns/  
Hendricks, Keys/Tinirauarii, Salisbury/  
Crowley, Goodrich/Cordon, Longtin/Heaton,  
Hendrickson/Weston, Humphrey/Ward,  
Smith/Walker, Hoskins/Black, Webster/  
Carlson, Poor/Ashlon, Porter/Bowen,  
Bardin/Guajardo, Huff/Tippetts, Rhoades/  
Savage, Harris/Zivic, Cullison/Baumann



### DELTA TRANSFER

#### Departures

February 04, 1997  
Elders K. Poffenberger  
J. Yancey

February 12, 1997  
Sisters C. Glad  
K. Rose  
Elders D. Haigh  
B. Hodson  
D. Kinchen  
R. Palmer  
D. Wright

#### Arrivals

January 21, 1997  
Elders J. Branch, R. Elwell



### Arrivals

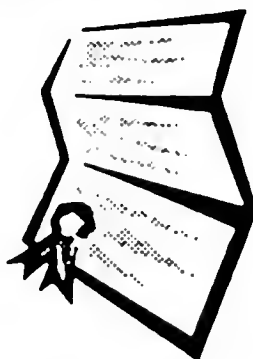
#### February 12, 1997

Sisters B. Lindsay  
J. Prestwich  
Elders B. Bowen  
J. Brezenski  
D. Fieldsted  
T. Hellewell  
J. Kowallis  
G. Lkhagvasuren  
J. Pyles  
J. Robinson  
J. Storms

#### February 18, 1997

Sister Ruth Layne

### MASTERY PROGRAM



#### Qualified

Elders:  
E. Yancey  
G. Walker  
K. Bagley  
R. Gibb

Sisters:  
J. Ward  
(7 weeks)

#### Certified

Elders:  
M. Schofield  
J. Huff  
C. Bowen  
D. Hendrickson  
N. Annandale  
J. Thurber

#### Mastered

Sister:  
K. Humphrey  
(11 months)

	Zone Leader January	January Baptisms	Feb Goal
Tucson N.	E. Rigby	0	12
Tucson	E. Palmer	2	15
Tucson E.	E. Schaffter	4	12
Tucson R.	E. Harris	2	13
Sierra Vista	E. Rasmussen	4	18
Gila Valley	E. Marquez	5	18
N.M. West	E. Adair & E. Holt	10	15
Roswell	E. Smith	6	12
Mt. Franklin	E. Jones & E. Porter	9	20
El Paso	E. Ashton & E. Salisbury	10	20
Total		52	155



### WINNING!

by Sister McKinlay

We are bound to have days when nothing goes right. The trick is to stay positive. The whole secret of mastering missionary work - and this applies to new missionaries as well as to the old - is to cultivate a mental approach to missionary work which will enable you to shrug off the comfort zone, shrug off the rejections, keep patient, and know in your heart that in time you will be successful!



### HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

If you have a temperature of 101 or higher, a headache and aching muscles, you may have the flu. Drink lots of fluid, gargle for your throat with salt water every 3 - 4 hrs. to ease pain (1/2 t. per 1 c. water). Slow down, but don't stay in bed all day; moving around prevents lung infections. Your shot covered 1 bad strain but does not cover all flu virus from this season; you can have the flu, but are less likely to!

**TAKE CARE OF YOU!!**



### CAR CZAR'S

by Elder Johnsen

Notification from SLC has changed the LOF requirements for the vehicles. We will only have LOF's done every 4 months instead of every 3 as in the past. This will be effective in March so no LOF's will be done prior to that time. Remember, you still need to CHECK YOUR OIL FREQUENTLY AND ADD AS NEEDED!!!



## "Accepting the Atoning Sacrifice in our Lives"

by the Assistants

Elder Bowman and Elder Fitzgarrald

We have just finished our January Training Tour and we had a wonderful time meeting with the leadership of the mission. We were delighted to see the excitement and spirit which is ever increasing.

Our theme for February is Alma 34:8, "I do know that Christ shall come among the children of men, to take upon him the transgressions of the people." Elders and Sisters, we have been prophetically called to share these important truths. We teach in the discussions that Christ overcame both physical and spiritual death, that we might learn, progress, and one day return to live with Him again. Many times we fail to understand that these profound truths apply not only to the lives of our investigators and members, but also to us. Do we really accept the atoning sacrifice of the Savior and apply it into our daily lives? Are we able to forgive those who have properly re-

pented? Or, do we find ourselves making excuses and justifying our actions? When Elder Mickelsen visited our mission, he commented that "self-justification is the enemy of repentance" and "to the degree that we justify ourselves, the Lord is powerless." Just as our investigators prepare for baptism by applying the atonement into their lives and make the necessary changes, we must also analyze ourselves on a daily basis.

As missionaries, we need to comprehend the doctrine of the atonement, and apply it regularly in our personal lives, making us better, more worthy servants.

We invite all to develop a greater relationship with the Savior and to learn to rely on His atoning sacrifice.

## Zone Conference Preparation

ZC Theme/Feb: ATONEMENT Part 1  
ZC Theme/Mar: ATONEMENT Part 2

### ZONE CONFERENCE DATES

2/18 4/1 Tucson, Tucson N, Tucson W  
2/19 4/1 Tucson East, Rincon  
2/20 3/18 Gila Valley, 3/17 Sierra Vista  
2/24 3/21 Mt. Franklin  
2/25 3/21 El Paso  
2/26 3/20 Roswell  
2/27 3/19 NM East and West

It's time to review our preparation for zone conference. First of all we need to come spiritually prepared. We would like to invite all of you to fast the morning before your scheduled zone conference and to have your thoughts on the atonement ready. Please come temporally prepared as well with proper grooming: cars cleaned, area books ready, clothes clean and pressed, shoes shined, hair cut, no yellow stitching on shoes, no sandals and no gum! Let's prepare for the spirit to be with us...

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS





# THE MISSION VOICE

"..I do know that Christ shall come among the children of men, to take upon him the transgressions of his people..." Alma 34:8

## "We shall Be Forever Indebted To Him" by President Douglas R. McKinlay

March 1997 Vol. 8

One of the great discourses in all scripture concerning the atonement is found in Alma, Chapter 42. Here Alma describes the exacting demands of justice and the compensating gift of mercy to his son, Corianton, who had forsaken the ministry.

Doctrinal aspects of the atonement are made clear in statements such as, "What, do you suppose that mercy can rob justice? I say unto you, Nay: not one whit. If so, God would cease to be God" (v.25). And, "But, God ceaseth not to be God, and mercy claimeth the penitent, and mercy cometh because of the atonement...and thus, none but the truly penitent are saved" (v.24). Good council for Alma's missionary son then; good advice for us now, who also have a ministry and a mission to perform.

In fact, the mission field is your best chance to learn, understand and live a higher moral law, and to comprehend and apply the atonement of Jesus Christ at all levels of your life. Christ's atoning sacrifice spans the

entire range of human suffering and sin, including our own individual infirmities and inadequacies. We can go nowhere He has not been, feel nothing He has not felt (Alma 7:11-12). He has descended below all things and risen above all things (D&C 88:6; 122:8). He is our "merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people..." (Heb. 2:16-18; 4:14-16).

May we take full advantage of the atonement in our daily lives is my prayer for all of us. Please come fasting to our next zone conference, so the spirit will be in rich abundance as we discuss further the doctrine of the atonement.

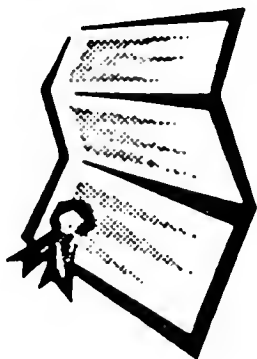
Sister McKinlay and I love you immensely, uniformly, continuously.

President McKinlay

### February, 1997 # of Baptisms

Jan: Elders Bowen/Astorga 5  
Feb: Morales/Brown 5, Gibb/Topping 5, Siems/Buehner 5, Ashton/Salisbury 4, Rhoades/Savage 4, Rasmussen/Flanders 3, McMurdie/Lemmon 3, Schofield/Worlf 3, Ison/Buckley 3, Nelson/Martin 3, Jones/Porter 3, Marques/Chatterly 2, Woodin/Longtin 2, Mauchley/Helewell 2, Annandale/Foote 2, Marshall/Green 2, Sheely/Brinkerhoff 2, Reyes/Gaujardo 2, Bell/Alldredge 2, Smith/Walker 2, Likes/Wilde 2, Bowen/Beckes 2, Chatterley/Hannon 1, Kunzler/Gardner 1, Evans/Larnerd 1, Nielsen/Bradley 1, Sampson/Romine 1, Zivic/Robinson 1, Sheffield/Thomson 1, VanDamme/Jones 1, Eager/Orten 1, Lowry/Hall 1, Lee/Davidson 1, Adair/Holt 1, Holt/Crapo 1, Knickerbocker/Froerer 1, Adair/Hadley 1, Krein/Small 1, Pena/Peard 1

### MASTERY PROGRAM



#### Qualified

Elders:  
E. Eagar  
J. Hall  
E. Johnson  
E. Jones  
N. Shelton  
A. Watts  
B. Wilde

Sister:  
B. Lindsay  
(2wks)

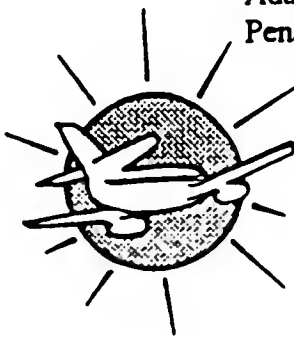
Certified  
Elder:  
M. Nelson

Sister:  
J. Keys

#### Mastered

Elder:  
M. Rasmussen

Sister:  
R. Goodrich



### DELTA TRANSFER

#### Departures

February 21, 1997

Elder C. Truscott

February 27, 1997

Elder G. Southern

February 28, 1997

Elder J. Kreipl

March 1, 1997

Elder E. Briceno

Elder C. Snow

March 12, 1997

Sisters: L. Andrews, S. Cardon

R. Corberan, J. Pitts

Elders: J. Fisher, E. Roberts

L. Siems



### Arrivals

February 17, 1997

Sister J. and Elder W. Pilkington

### Arrivals

March 12, 1997

Sisters H. Gleason,

A. Willoughby

Elders S. Carlson,  
N. Despain, B. Henderson,  
N. Jacobs, E. Magnere,  
S. Rowley, R. Tolman  
K. Whiteley

	Zone Leader January	February Baptisms	Mar Goal
Tucson N.	E. Rigby	0	14
Tucson	E. Adair	2	16
Tucson W.	E. C. Jones		9
Tucson E.	E. Schaffer	4	9
Tucson R.	E. Harris	2	13
Sierra Vista	E. Rasmussen	4	14
Gila Valley	E. Marquez	5	18
N.M. West	E. Holt	4	23
N.M. East	E. DeGooyer	6	30
Roswell	E. Smith	6	12
Mt. Franklin	E. Jones & E. Porter	9	20
El Paso	E. Ashton & E. Salisbury	10	20
TOTALS:			



### WINNING!

by Sister McKinlay

A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive, and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done. Once a man has made a commitment to a way of life, he puts the greatest strength in the world behind him. It's something we call **heart power**. Once a man has made this commitment, nothing will stop him short of success.

Vince Lombardi



### HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

Spring is springing and it is time to remind you to drink bis of water as our temperatures climb. Water is the key word here, not pop or other beverages.

If you become sick and receive permission to call Dr. McKay, this is the procedure: Have the telephone number of a pharmacy located close to you ready. Dial his 800 number and do the following. Announce that you are calling from the ATM, your name, phone number you are calling from complete with area code. He should return your call w/in a short time.

### TAKE CARE OF YOU!!



### CAR CZAR'S

by Elder Johnsen

Beware the Ides of March!!! The time has come for ALL VEHICLES TO HAVE AN LOI (THAT'S AN LUBE, OIL, FILTER) for you land-lubbers. Please take your vehicle into one of your local vendors (preferably PEP BOYS) and have the work done unless you have already had one in MARCH! The next one is in JULY!! LUV YA, ELDER JOHNSEN

## "KNOWING CHRIST"

by the Assistants

Elder Bowman and Elder Fitzgarrald

Elders and Sisters, this past month has been very uplifting as we have studied the first half of the atonement. We had the opportunity of attending several Zone Conferences and we were very pleased with your physical and spiritual preparation to learn about the foundation of our doctrine. We pray that you have taken what was presented and that you will apply it into your lives in order to bless the lives of others. As we have been doing our personal study and have focused on the atonement, we have been impressed with how many of the prophets bore testimony of Christ before his advent to the earth. Abinadi quoted chapter 53 of Isaiah to King Noah and the wicked priests and then he continued to teach the Atonement to them. Alma was another example in the Book of Mormon when he stepped down from the judgement seat to preach and was in

the city of Gideon. In Alma 7:11-13, Alma taught the people why it was necessary for Christ to suffer all that He did, it was all done so that He could understand and empathize with us as we are going through our trials. He took upon Himself our infirmities so that "his bowels may be filled with mercy, that he may know according to the flesh how to succor his people according to their infirmities." If Christ had not done this, He could not have known our feeling, our hurt and pain during our times of trials. Christ knows each one of us. He is always willing to help us. We know He suffers when we do, and that He also rejoices in our successes and achievements. Elders and sisters, we must gain a personal relationship with the Savior and apply the Atonement into our lives. He knows us. Do we know Him?

## Zone Conference Expectations

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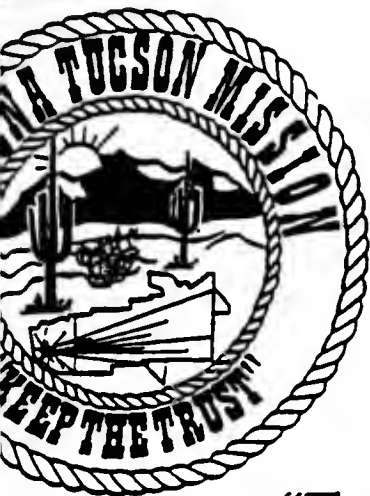
### ZC Theme/Mar ATONEMENT Part 2 ZONE CONFERENCE DATES

3/17 Sierra Vista  
3/18 Gila Valley  
3/19 NM East and West  
3/20 Roswell  
3/21 Mt. Franklin and El Paso  
4/1 Tucson, Tucson N, Tucson W  
4/1 Tucson East, Rincon

Elders and Sisters, it is time to review our expectations for professionalism for ZC. The expectations are two fold, spiritual and physical preparation. Spiritually: Please come having prepared your thoughts on the atonement from your personal scripture study. Please come fasting with a prayer in your heart. Physically: Cars cleaned, area books complete and organized, clothes clean, pressed and neat, shoes shined, appropriate hair cuts - buzz, bowl, side burns are not acceptable. We are representatives of the Lord.

President & Sister McKinlay

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"...Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." James 2: 17 - 20

## "The Key to Happiness is Work" by President Douglas R. McKinlay

Funny, we don't usually think of "work" and "happiness" as related terms. But God does; from the very beginning, God has rejoiced in His creations and has seen both His works and ours as sources of joy and happiness (See Alma :16).

There is something rewarding about a full day's labor, whether it be in the mission field, or any other field. I have heard missionaries say, "I have never been so tired in all my life; when we come in at night I just fall into bed and I'm gone. I have also never been so happy in my entire life. It's just great." And well it should be, for the work where unto we have been called should be sweet and should bring us great happiness and joy, even to the point of exhaustion. The Preacher put it this way in Ecclesiastics 5:12. "The sleep of a

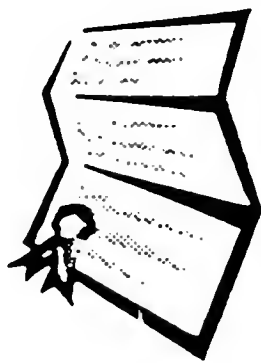
laboring man (and woman) is sweet..."

Our theme for this month - "Faith Without Works is Dead" - reminds us that we need more than faith alone. We must add work, even hard work, to the equation to reap the joy and happiness the Lord intends for us in our sacred callings as missionaries. Where you are working hard, we thank you for your work and your faith. Throughout the mission, we know it is happening.

May the Lord bless you as you work hard and reap the fruits of your labors in the Arizona Tucson Mission, as we have been promised (see D&C 18:15-16). Sister McKinlay and I convey our omnipast, omnipresent and omnifuture love.

President  
McKinlay

### MASTERY PROGRAM



#### Qualified

##### Elders:

B. Bowen  
T. Hellewell  
B. Lemon  
E. Magnere  
(10 days!!)  
B. Powell  
J. Thomson  
J. West

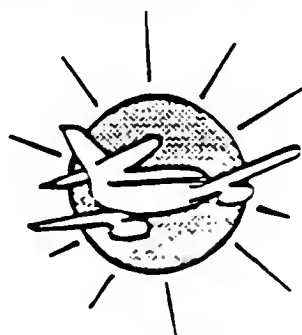
##### Sisters:

I. Balcells  
N. Cardona  
A. Froerer  
A. Nelson  
J. Prestwich  
W. Wang  
D. Zelechowski

#### Mastered

##### Sister:

J. Pitts



### DELTA TRANSFER

#### Departures

April 07, 1997  
Sister N. Sianava  
Elder J. Pena

April 08, 1997  
Elder E. Eagar

April 09, 1997  
Sister S. Nielsen  
Elder J. Cullison  
Elder T. Marshall

April 30, 1997  
Elder E. & Sister E. Nelson

# THE MISSION VOICE

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### March 1997 # of Baptisms

6 BAPTISMS: Hendrickson/Powell  
4 BAPTISMS: Schofield/Wolf,  
Ison/Buckley, Annandale/Foote,  
Holt/Crapo, Keys/Wang  
3 BAPTISMS: Tini/Ward,  
Morales/Brown, Bell/Alldredge,  
Bardin/Nelson 2 BAPTISMS:  
Durfee/Fisher, Hadfield/Wood,  
Youngblood/Bultsma, Weimer/  
Magnere, Carlson/Webster, Nel-  
son/Hendricks, Rhoades/Savage,  
Theobald/Kowallis, Evans/Wilde,  
Woodin/Longtin, Jones/Lear,  
Roberts/McLean, Kunzler/Gard-  
ner, Johnson/Fieldsted 1 BAP-  
TISM: Sampson/Romine, Ras-  
mussen/Toman/Bingham, Elwell/  
Branch, Marquez/Baughman,  
Schaffer/Baughman, Cordon/Zele-  
chowski, Smith/Walker,  
Humphrey/Balcells, Hoskins/  
Black, Lowry/Hall, Morales/  
Brezenski, Schaffer/Pyles,  
Knickerbocker/Dudley, Harris/  
Flanders, Froerer/Lindsay, Chris-  
tensen/Nestman, Mendel/Bagley,  
Sheely/Brinkerhoff, Marshall/  
Green, Shelton/West, Nelson/Top-  
ping, Barrus/Bowen, Thurman/  
Spackman, Johnson/Bell, Jones/  
Porter, Mauchley/Hellewell, Mc-  
Murdie Tracy, Lemon/Tracy,  
Youngblood/Thurman, Pena/Pead

#### Arrivals

April 09, 1997

Sister :  
Larisa Glazier

##### Elders:

I. James  
R. James  
J. Du Paix  
J. Paskett  
S. Smith





## APRIL ZONE CONFERENCE



	Zone Leader March	March Baptisms	April Goal
Tucson N.	E. Rigby	1	10
Tucson	E. Adair	10	20
Tucson W.	E. C. Jones	9	20
Tucson E.	E. Marquez	5	10
Tucson R.	E. Shoely	4	15
Sierra Vista	E. Rasmussen	7	13
Gila Valley	E. Schaffer	15	15
N.M. West	E. Holt	8	16
N.M. East	E. DeGooyer	6	15
Roswell	E. Smith	5	10
Mt. Franklin	E. Jones & E. Porter	15	20
El Paso	E. Ashton & E. Salisbury	9	20
TOTALS:		94	183

4/18 Sierra Vista &  
Gila Valley at Wilcox  
4/21 NM W & E at  
Deming  
4/22 Roswell  
4/23 Mt. Franklin  
4/24 El Paso  
4/25 Missionary  
Training Broadcast  
4/29 Tucson East and  
Rincon  
4/30 Tucson, Tucson  
West, Tucson North

## MAY ZONE CONFERENCE

President Mickelson will  
be here May 16-19th.  
Please have all  
Discussions with all  
principles and concepts  
memorized! Let's be  
ready for him!

## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnson

A clean house as  
well as a clean  
body help you to  
maintain a healthy  
body. Wash your  
hands often  
(remember you are  
shaking hands with  
many different  
people) and espe-  
cially before a  
snack or meal of  
any kind. Practic-  
ing good hygiene is  
always a positive  
step in preventing  
colds and other  
viral infections.  
TAKE CARE OF  
YOU!!

## CAR CZAR'S

by Elder Johnson

Hey, Elders and Sis-  
ters: Guess what?  
I've nothing to com-  
plain about. You are  
all wonderful and  
making my job easier  
each day, and at my  
advanced (?) age  
that's important. I  
would caution you  
(no one in particular)  
to pay very close  
attention to signs that  
are posted along a  
highway. THEY  
ARE IMPOR-  
TANT! And put  
there for a reason...

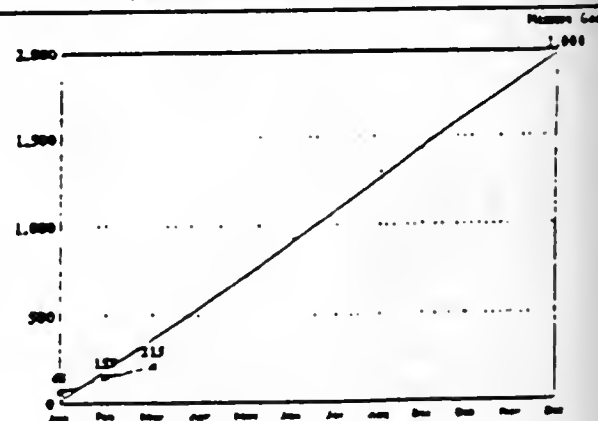
Love you muchly,  
Elder Johnson

## INTRODUCING...

Brother and Sister Christensen have joined the  
staff in the office as the ATM Apartment  
Secretaries. They will be over all the  
apartments in the mission and will be supervis-  
ing all apartment coordinators throughout the  
mission. They served a mission in the Alaska,  
Anchorage Mission and are well qualified and  
very experienced. They are delightful and we  
welcome them! You will enjoy them very  
much and we are grateful to have them with  
us!



1997 CUMULATIVE BAPTISMS



## "GO WORK!"

by the Assistants

Elder Fitzgerald and Elder Harris

As we learn more about the theme  
"Faith without works is dead" we  
hope our faith will be strengthened  
and miracles may happen in each  
of your areas. In James 2:16-17 we  
read, "Even so faith, if it hath not  
works is dead, being alone. Yea, a  
man may say, Thou hast faith, and  
I have works; shew me thy faith  
without thy works, and I will show  
thee my faith by my works."

As we strengthen our faith,  
through our obedience to the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ, we often see  
miracles performed in each of our  
own areas. When we culture and  
nourish our faith it begins to grow,  
even from the beginning as a tiny  
seed. Each one of us needs to have  
experiences that will strengthen our  
faith. The best way to do this is to

simply go work! In Romans  
10:14-17, we learn that as we work  
blessings will come to each of us as  
well as to those with whom we  
speak. When we are serving our  
Heavenly Father diligently and obe-  
diently, miracles happen; investi-  
gators progress, we become excited  
about the work, and lives are  
changed. When we pray as if ev-  
erything depends on the Lord, and  
are working as if everything de-  
pends on us, then the Lord recog-  
nizes our diligence and our faith  
increases. The combination of  
faith and hard work in our mission  
will bring to pass many blessings,  
and we will accomplish the goals  
we have set. Continue to bind the  
Lord through faith and hard work,  
and expect the miracles to happen!

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# THE MISSION VOICE

"A new commandment I give unto you,  
That ye love one another...."  
John 13: 34-35

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"We Should Demonstrate Christ-Like Love"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

Our theme for May, John 13:34-35, like most of Christ's injunctions, requires us to move to a new, higher level. In this case, a new, higher level of performance with the attribute of love. In its broadest context, Christ-like love would require us to lay down our lives for those we love (John 15:13). Happily, this is not often required.

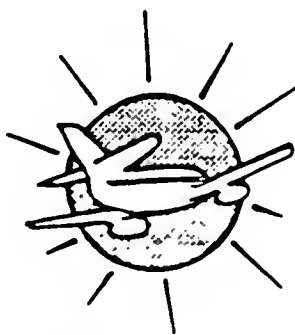
As missionaries, how can we apply this scripture in our work? May I offer just a few of the many ways:

- 1 Love your companion, regardless of his or her background, and the differences that may separate you culturally or ideologically. Remember, Christ loved even his enemies.
- 2 Love your investigators just as you might love those in your own home town. The power of a missionary's love can help bring investigators to the waters of baptism.
- 3 Love your parents. This should be

easy, but do you demonstrate this love by writing home and expressing that love each week?

- 4 Love the members. This should also be fairly easy, though at times they may try you. The greater your love for them, the greater their support for the work.
- 5 Love the other missionaries in your district, zone and mission. As the Savior said, "...that ye also love one another," and "...if ye are not one, ye are not mine" (D&C 38:27)
- 6 Perhaps greatest of all and especially at this time in your life, love the Savior, even as He loves you.

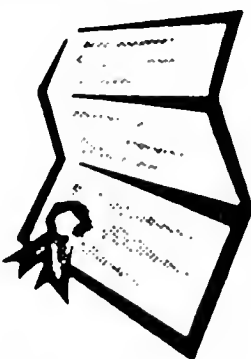
Sister McKinlay and I send our indescribable, uncontrollable, even unchartable love, as usual.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

**Elders:**  
D. Black  
J. DuPaix  
C. Green  
B. Henderson  
J. Kowallis  
J. Likes  
H. Martin  
J. Pasket  
D. Savage  
R. Toman  
J. Wells  
P. Wolf



**Sisters:**  
B. Hendricks  
L. Noble  
W. Phippen  
A. Willoughby

### Certified

**Elders:**  
B. Bowen  
B. De Gooyer

T. Jones  
J. Likes  
D. Payne

**Sister:**  
S. Nielsen

### Mastered

**Elders:**  
T. Bingham  
J. Likes  
S. Porter  
M. Schofield  
J. Thurber

## DELTA TRANSFER

### Departures

Medical Releases In April  
Elder Christopher Moss  
Sister Lisa Davidson  
Sister Marney Dudley

April 18, 1997

Elder Jacob Wiggins

May 07, 1997

Sister Jeanie Reyes  
Elder Jared Crowley  
Elder Thad Jones  
Elder F. Mortensen  
Elder Nathan Pead  
Elder Samuel Porter

## Arrivals

May 07/1997

**Sisters:**  
Celia Casillas  
Krista Farrell  
Megan Zacher



**Elders:**  
Kyle Allen  
Christopher Beck  
Brett Bradshaw  
Kemish Hendershot  
Edward Jobrack  
Travis Olsen

	Zone Leader March	April Baptisms	May Goal
Tucson N.	E. Rigby & Jones	3	10
Tucson	E. Adair	8	19
Tucson W.	E. C. Jones	6	12
Tucson E.	E. Marquez	8	15
Tucson R.	E. Sheely	4	15
Sierra Vista	E. Salisbury & Flanders	10	15
Gila Valley	E. Nelsen	8	20
N.M. West	E. Holt	10	16
N.M. East	E. DeGooyer	6	16
Roswell	E. Smith	2	12
Mt. Franklin	E. Porter & Hadfield	9	21
El Paso	E. Ashton	19	20
TOTALS:		93	191



## MAY ZONE CONFERENCE



President Mickelson will be here May 16-19th. Please have all discussions with all principles and concepts memorized! Let's be ready for him; spiritually and professionally!

May 16; 12 noon - 4 PM  
Mt Franklin, El Paso,  
New Mexico East and  
West, Roswell Zones

May 18; 2:00 - 6:00 PM  
Tucson North, Tucson  
West, Tucson, Tucson  
East, Rincon Zones

May 19; 10:00 - 3:00 PM  
Gila Valley and  
Sierra Vista Zones

## HEALTH TIPS

*by Sister Johnsen*  
Infection can be a problem with an open wound. Keep the area as clean as possible. Wash surface of skin with a good anti-bacterial soap and the hands before and after touching the wounds. Use a sterile bandage or a gauze square and tape over the infected area if it must be covered. Neosporin is a good ointment for small, early infections. TAKE CARE OF YOU!!

## CAR CZAR'S

*by Elder Johnsen*  
The condition reports for April look very good; however, like the DVR there is always one or two that feels that the reports are not all that important. If your car is suddenly taken away for a month (instead of a couple of days) one of those reports not being in could just be the reason. A word to the wise is usually sufficient...

## SUCCESS STORY

Monica Eve Evanciew: Monica had been praying for happiness and meaning to life and that witnesses would come and bring her the true Gospel as well as the Preacher's wife to her door. Elders Black and Hoskins answered her prayer as they came to her door and taught her the Gospel. Not then knowing of her prayers they later brought the Bishop's wife (the preacher's wife) to take her to Church. Monica bore testimony in Church that all of her prayers were literally answered and she was baptized on March 9, 1997 at the Clovis Chapel in New Mexico

## NEW MISSION RECORD SET!

During the month of April, 1997, a total of 107 white slips came in; a new monthly record for baptisms for the ATM!

CONGRATULATIONS! It is the statistical equivalent of every companionship baptizing!

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## "AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

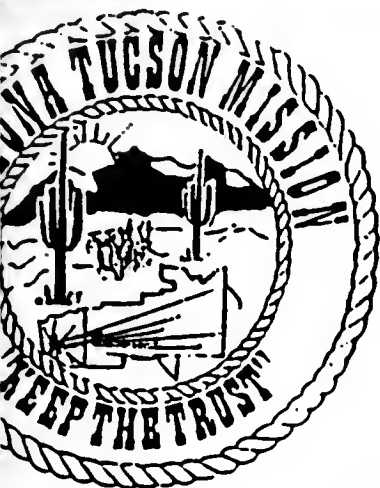
*by the Assistants: Elders Fizgarrauld and Elder Harris*

"There they were in that upper chamber, Jesus and His disciples; there to eat the supper of the Passover, ere the end would come. Then Jesus looked in their faces and said, "As I have loved you... love one another. This new commandment, love one another. By this shall men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." The lyrics of the above well known song learned as early as Primary conveys a very portentous message. What were the Savior's desires as He washed the feet of His beloved disciples and prepared them to continue the work, even after His betrayal and departure? We teach as missionaries of the great plan of happiness that our Heavenly Father prepared for all of His children that they might learn, grow, and progress to a state of perfection.

But what were His ambitions? Why does another strengthen and support a close friend in time of trial and tribulation? The answer: love, an affection based upon admiration and

benevolence - a warm attachment, enthusiasm or devotion to someone or something. Elders and Sisters, do we allow love to positively influence our lives as missionaries? Do we desire the broken heart and contrite spirit in ourselves and also in those with whom we come in contact? Are we really concerned about the eternal progression of our investigators and members? Do we ever find ourselves asking our Heavenly Father to bless us with the endowment of love?

As difficult as it may be, we are all searching for something in this life that will help us feel accepted and loved. The world teaches that temporal things will bring happiness, while the Gospel of Jesus Christ teaches that true happiness comes from heeding the admonitions of the Savior. Allow yourself to be the answer to someone's vital prayer for something more than what this world has to offer. "As I have loved you, love one another."



# THE MISSION VOICE

"A new commandment I give unto you,  
That ye love one another...."

John 13: 34-35

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## "BECOMING HIS DISCIPLES"

by President Douglas R. McKinlay

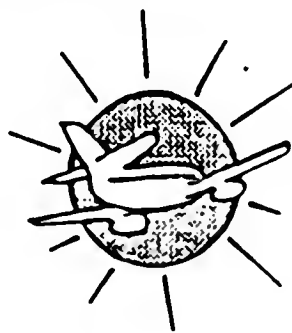
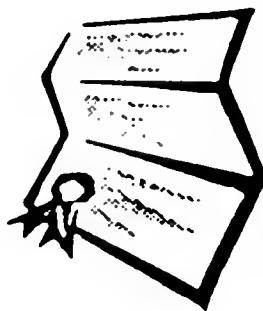
How do we know when we have truly become the disciples of Christ? According to John 13:35, it is when we develop sufficient love one for another that "all men" can witness it. Interesting, that love is the Savior's criteria for becoming one of His disciples.

In Matthew 5:43-48, the Savior gives a marvelous treatise on love. Here, he teaches us the higher law of love: "...it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But, I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you..." In fact, the final verse in this series says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." So the same criteria which qualifies us as a disciple of Christ also helps to make us perfect.

Moving to a higher place as a mission will require more love than we have ever experienced, individually and collectively. As the Master reminds us in John, to love one another is an imperative - a commandment - that each of us needs to live in order to claim true discipleship and, ultimately perfection. What a great place to start; right here in the mission field, first with your companion, then moving out in ever widening circles until you have no ill feelings toward any person.

In missionary work, like in no other work we will ever do, the Christ-like attribute of love is paramount to our success. Sister McKinlay and I send you our boundless, unfathomless love.

President  
McKinlay



**Sisters:**  
F. Froerer  
D. Knickerbocker  
B. Lindsay

**Mastered  
Elders:**  
J. Ashton  
C. Beckes  
C. Bowen  
N. Shelton

**Certified  
Elders:**  
J. Barrus  
T. Hellewell  
C. Holt  
D. Ison  
P. Thurman

### MASTERY PROGRAM

#### Qualified

**Elders:**  
K. Allen  
C. Beck  
S. Brinkerhoff  
S. Carlson  
K. Hendershot  
D. Ison  
I. James  
M. Knuzler  
C. Mickelsen  
J. Pyles  
J. Robinson  
J. Storms

### DELTA TRANSFER Mission Transfer

May, 1997  
Sister RneAnne Wang, Salt  
Lake City Temple Visitor  
Center Mission, transfer  
requested by SL for Mandrin

#### Departures

June 04, 1997  
**Elders:**  
Kerry Bowman  
Jonathan Fitzgarrald  
Nathaniel Shelton

May 1997 # of Baptisms  
5 BAPTISMS: Aston/Theubald,  
Lowry/Beck  
4 BAPTISMS: Youngblood/Thur-  
man  
3 BAPTISMS: Hendricks/Romine,  
Huff/Henderson, Andrews/Adams,  
Dover/Sherman, Adair/Olsen  
2 BAPTISMS: Jones/Lear, Nelson/  
Powell, Nelson/Prestwich, Niceler/  
Tracy, Lowry/Pend, Bowen/Hines,  
Bowen/Allen, Annandale/Buckley,  
Marquez/Pyles, Shelton/Smith,  
Nelson/Willoughby,  
Holt/Brezenski, Barrus/Bowen,  
Thomson/Bowen  
1 BAPTISM: Hoskins/Gardner,  
Woodlin/Lough, Johnson/Bradshaw,  
Beckes/Daley, Bardln/Ward,  
Phippen/Newman, Smith/Bultsma,  
Wong/Zelechowski, Wong/Lee,  
Schaffer/Baughman, Chatterley/  
Hannon, Evans/Wilde, Picking-  
ton's, Bradley/Glazier, Wilde/  
Tolman, Black/Savage, Lemmon/  
Tracy, Morales/Brezenski,  
Hendrickson/Kowalls, Tini/  
Zacker, Reyes/Guajardo, Knicker-  
bocker/Zele/Depp, Munns/  
Guajardo, Aeshlman/Van Damme,  
Gibb/James, Bell/Buener,  
De Gonyer/Feldsted, Balcells/  
Farrell, McMurdle/Despain, Bau-  
man/Larson, Durfee/Brinkerhoff

#### Arrivals



June 04,  
1997

**Elders:**  
Nicolas San Juan  
Eduardo Mazal

**Sisters:**  
Amy LeFevre  
Kisiah Morris



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Tucson N.	E. Rigby	1	10
Tucson	E. Flanders	4	17
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Mt. Franklin	E. Hadfield & Thurber	18	21
El Paso	E. Ashton	14	20
	TOTALS:	89	194



## JUNE ZONE CONFERENCE

June 10: Mt. Franklin &  
El Paso at  
June 11 Roswell  
June 12: NM West &  
East at Deming  
June 13: Gila Valley  
June 14: Sierra Vista  
June 16: Tucson  
June 17: Tucson West  
June 18: Tucson North  
June 19: Tucson East  
June 20 Rincon

Please be spiritually and  
physically prepared. We  
suggest you skip break-  
fast and leave for ZC  
with a prayer which will  
better spiritually prepare  
all of us. We're excited  
to be with you at ZC!



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen  
"THE HEATS  
ON!"

Protect your face  
and skin all you  
can! Use the best  
sun block and high-  
est number you can  
to prevent skin  
damage. You may  
not pay the price,  
now, but you will.  
Moisturize, Mols-  
turtize, Moisturize.  
Water protects  
your skin more  
than you realize.  
Drink all you can  
in the hot summer  
months.

TAKE CARE OF  
YOU!!



## CAR CZAR'S

by Elder Johnsen

Sister Johnsen and  
I will be seeing  
you all very soon.  
We will be at the  
ZC's this month  
and we are look-  
ing forward to  
being with you.  
To prepare, please  
have your cars in  
"apple pie" order  
as the President  
will also be look-  
ing at them. I'll  
be bringing extra  
forms you might  
need so inventory  
your glove box.  
Every mission car  
must be there!

## "Teach the Love of Jesus Christ"

by the Assistants: Elder David Harris and Elder Cody Jones

Our Heavenly Father loves  
each of us individually; He  
knows we will not be able to  
return to Him without a Savior.  
Christ came to redeem us, to help  
teach us how to return to our  
Father's presence. Our personal  
accountability to the Savior will  
never change. He provided the  
way to return through the atone-  
ment. When we teach our inves-  
tigators about the atonement, we  
must help them realize how great  
of a sacrifice He made. Teach  
your investigators about the love  
that our Heavenly Father has for  
us. As we take the responsibility  
to teach everyone we see about  
the atonement of Jesus Christ,  
we will not let anyone pass us  
by. We challenge you to teach

20 discussions each week, be-  
cause you love the Savior and  
His message. Help others to  
learn about Christ and to feel His  
love.

As missionaries, we should be  
genuinely motivated to acquire  
the qualities of our Savior. Most  
of our growth as missionaries  
will come to us as a natural  
consequence of simply living the  
Gospel. As we love and serve  
others in Christ-like ways, we,  
too, are blessed by the Lord with  
increased love, spiritual capacity,  
and an overall refinement of our  
own gifts and abilities. The Lord  
truly blesses our lives as we use  
our time wisely, while preparing  
to meet God and seeking His  
Kingdom first.

## MEDIA SUCCESS STORY

The Dodds family in Roswell, NM were  
watching TV one night and after seeing  
most of the Family First commercial, Mr.  
Dodd pointed to the screen and said, "We  
need to order that video!" Elders  
Aldredge and Adamson responded to their  
call that same day. Mrs. Dodds was  
shocked! The Elders found out that Mrs.  
Dodds had been curious about the church  
previously, but no one had every ap-  
proached her. (the waiting 1 1/2?) The  
Elders are now teaching the entire family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dodds and their two children  
don't. Let's all remember them in our  
prayers! Way to go, Elders!





# THE MISSION VOICE

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"And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good...I will impart unto you of my Spirit which shall enlighten your mind which shall fill your soul with joy;"

D&C 11:12,13

## "The Indispensable Spirit" by President Douglas R. McKinlay

Our theme for this month is The Spirit, and all of its many facets. When you look up "Spirit" in the Topical Guide, there are listed 17 additional headings; i.e., Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Lord, and so on. Then, there are 293 specific scriptural references to the Spirit that follow. Maybe we'll need another Part 1/Part 2 series for Zone Conferences; we'll see.

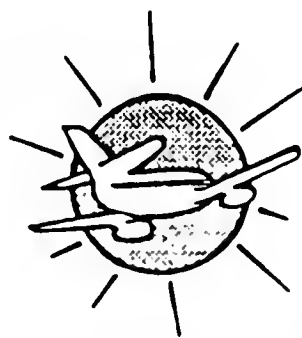
In reference to missionary work, President Benson said that, "It is the Spirit that matters most." I wholeheartedly concur. And, as you analyze your own proselyting efforts, you can see the truth in that statement. The implicit doctrine in our theme scripture (D&C 11:12-13) is that we must put our trust in the Spirit of the Lord if we are to become humble and just and righteous missionaries, and if we want our

minds enlightened, and to be filled with joy. What an exciting and motivating thought - that when we put our trust in His Spirit, that He will pour His Spirit upon us.

As His servants, His Spirit is indispensable to our work. We need His Spirit to be with us; to walk with us, to teach with us, to testify with us, to fill our hearts with unspeakable joy. Let us ask each day for the companionship of the Holy Ghost - the third member of the Godhead - and then work with all the worthiness it will take.

Sister McKinlay and I give you our unbending, unyielding and undying love.

President McKinlay



## DELTA TRANSFER Departures

June 24, 1997

Elder Joseph Brezenski  
Sister Catherine Depp

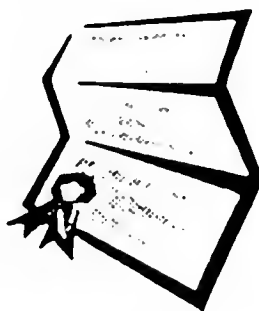
July 02, 1997

**Elders:**  
Kenneth Baumann  
Mark Hankins  
Joseph Hillim  
Gregory Larson  
Jonathan Lear  
Jeffrey Likes  
Dirk Lloyd  
Jason Mauchley

**Sisters:**  
L. Noble  
R. Munns

**Mastered Elders:**  
B. Bowen  
B. Lowry  
M. Nelson

**Sisters:**  
J. Keys



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified Elders:

J. Adamson  
B. Bradshaw  
L. Gantugs  
M. Hankins  
E. Harrison  
D. Potokar  
T. Tippetts

**Sisters:**  
K. Farrell  
M. Newman

### Certified Elders:

S. Durfee  
D. Hannon  
D. Johnson  
C. Mickelsen  
T. Weimer  
B. Zivic

June 1997 # of Baptisms  
8 BAPTISMS: Smith/Bultsma, Baumann/Larson  
5 BAPTISMS: Ashton/Theobald, Thurber/Dupalx,  
4 BAPTISMS: Wicmer/West, Nestman/Robinson, Thomson/Bowen, Bradley/Glazler, Bowen/Wood  
3 BAPTISMS: Knickerhocker/Zelechowski, Mickelsen/Hannon, Niceler/Tracy, Froerer/LcFevre  
2 BAPTISMS: Longtin/Paskett, Nelson/Hufford, Crapo/Smith, Walker/Spackman, Hunt/Payne, Morales/Hendershot,  
Zivic/Tippetts, Flanders/Lough, Woodin/Hadley, Johnson/Bradshaw, Ortin/Martin  
1 BAPTISM: Tin/Cardona, Noble/Gleason, Brown/San Juan, Sheely/Kimzler, Annandale/Buckely, Annandale/Sheffield, Chatterly/Crosby, Mooney/Storms, Holt/Brezenski, Hall/Carlson, Bell/Buchner, Vance/Long, Keys/Casillas, Gardner/Thurman, Hilliam/Whitely, Mendel/Toppling, Youngblood/Foot, Munns/Morris/Guajardo, Fristrom/Mazal, Hendricks/Romine, Piddingtons, Nelson/Powell, Wilde/Tolman, Jones/Lear, Lear/Potokar/Bagely, Potokar/Bagely, Durfee/Brinkerhoff, Hendricks/Romine, Paskett/Green, Flanders/Whitely, Hoskins/Gardner, Rhodes/Hadley, Rhodes/Buckely, Schofield/Likes

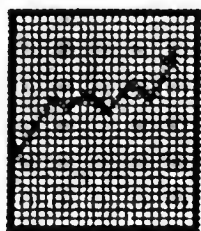
Joshua Mendel  
Matthew Nelson  
Matt Rasmussen  
John Sheely  
**Sisters:**  
Maria Bradley  
K. Humphrey  
Jennifer Keys

### Arrivals

July 02, 1997

**Elders:**  
Chad Moultrie  
Raul Navarro  
**Sisters:**  
Shannon Ketcham  
Lindausk Ragnland  
Mary Rogers





## JULY ZONE CONFERENCES

## HEALTH TIPS

## CAR CZAR by Elder Johnsen

JUNE	ZONE LEADER	JUNE Baptisms	JULY Goal
Tucson North	E. Sheely	5	10
Tucson	E. Flanders	10	17
Tucson West	E. Rasmussen	6	12
Tucson East	E. Marquez	9	17
Tucson Rincon	E. Mooney & E. Thurber	13	20
Sierra Vista	E. Salisbury	21	23
Gila Valley	E. Nelsen	10	12
N.M. West	E. Holt	5	20
N.M. East	E. Schaffer	8	16
Roswell	E. Barrus	13	20
Mt. Franklin	E. Hadfield & E. De Gooyer	7	21
El Paso	E. Ashton	11	20
TOTALS:		118	208

July 14: Mt. Franklin  
July 15: El Paso  
July 16: Roswell  
July 17: NM W. & E.  
July 18 Gila Valley  
July 19 Sierra Vista  
July 21: Tucson East  
July 22: Rincon  
July 23: Tucson North  
July 24: Tucson & Tucson West



**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
July 26 & 27:  
Alamogordo

by Sister Johnsen

**BIKERS BEWARE!**  
A number of biking accidents have resulted in some painful sprains, breaks, road burns, scrapes and bruises. Watch those other drivers. Take nothing for granted. Wear your helmet, be alert, watch for road hazards on and along side of the road. We love you and want you "in one piece"! **TAKE CARE OF YOU!!**

Just a reminder: **LOF's** due in July unless you have had one in the past month. **JUST DO IT!** Doing great on the cars. The new year for car accident reports has just started. Let's be ... **NUMBER ONE THIS YEAR!** **NO ACCIDENTS IS THE GOAL!**

## "The Importance of Understanding the Spirit" by the Assistants

Elder David Harris and Elder Cody Jones

Undoubtedly, the spirit is essential in missionary work. Elder Mickelsen reemphasized this point when he toured our mission in May. In President McKinlay's vision statement we have been counseled to seek the spirit daily. If we truly seek to follow our Savior, walking in obedience, He has promised us the Holy Ghost.

Each of us has been endowed with the gift of the Holy Ghost, but only as we remain worthy can we enjoy its constant companionship. We must be humble, faithful and obedient to keep the spirit with us. We must exemplify our Savior's life and we do this by being in harmony with His teachings.

We must learn to recognize and follow the promptings of the still, small voice. We cannot ignore or postpone the inspiration which comes from our Heavenly Father. We must keep our hearts and minds open to the delicate channels of the spirit, so when it communicates with us we will be able to understand and obey.

Immeasurable blessings will come when we carry the spirit with us at all times. The spirit will entice us to do good continually and will lead us to those souls who are prepared to accept the gospel. We will find peace, joy and happiness in the work we do. Contention, hatred and all evil will begin to disappear from our hearts. We will have a stronger conviction to do good and to build the Kingdom of God. Most importantly, the spirit of the Lord will bear witness of the truthfulness of the message we carry.

Only as we do these things will we achieve our personal goals and reach the mission goal of two thousand baptisms. May each of us strive more earnestly for the Holy Spirit and bring more souls back to Jesus Christ. What greater blessing can we bring to the children of God in our mission than that of the Spirit?

## SUCCESS STORY

Elder Annandale was on an exchange with Elder Aeshliman when E. Aeshliman received a page from Brother Balensiefer that a Luis Valenzuela walked into church and requested missionary discussions! Brother Balensiefer suggested that they teach Luis at the Church and that they did! After the first discussion, Luis requested baptism and Elder Annandale and Elder Aeshliman suggested June 9th (nine days later!) Luis agreed and committed to attending Church and the rest of the discussions. Luis attended Church for two Sundays, took the remainder of the discussions and was baptized on June 9th by Elder Annandale! This baptism is a testifying example of the 1% principle!



## ATM BREAKS RECORDS IN JUNE

MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
Old	New	Old	New
107	118	28	46



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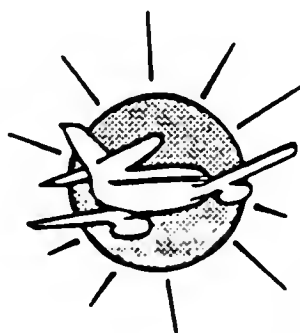
## "Put Off The Natural Man" by President Douglas R. McKinlay

Our theme for August, 1997 (Mosiah 3:19) tells us that unless we put off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ, we are enemies to God. It seems to me that is a dangerous place to be, especially as we have been called of God by revelation and by the laying on of hands to serve Him.

Fortunately, the way to avoid being an enemy to God is also revealed in the same verse, "...to yield to the enticings of the Holy Spirit...and becometh as a little child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him...", which is my challenge to every missionary in the Arizona Tucson Mission: Yield to the enticings of the Holy Spirit.

Last month during Zone Conference we talked of the Spirit, its many advantages to us, and our total dependence upon it as missionaries. This month we seek, as never before, the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost in not only our proselyting work, but in everything we do, including preparation day activities. Let all things be done with an eye single to His glory, so that we shall stand spotless before Him at the last day, when we return and report our missions, our sacred trust, in every-whit detail. God bless you to yield to the Holy Spirit and none else (Acts 5:29). Sister McKinlay and I send our ever-increasing (but tough when it has to be) love.

President  
McKinlay



### DELTA TRANSFER Departures

August 06, 1997

Elders:

Jared Adair  
Otso Fristrom  
David Hannon  
Brady Hunt  
Chad Nestman  
Gilbert Schaffer  
Garrison Smith  
Brent Rigby  
Sander Van Damme

K. Morris

Certified  
Elders:

S. Brinkerhoff  
B. Hunt

Sisters:  
L. Balcells

## July 1997 # of Baptisms

5 BAPTISMS: Smith/Bultsma,  
4 BAPTISMS: Munns/Ketcham  
4 BAPTISMS: Romine/  
Raglund, Salisbury/Kowalis  
3 BAPTISMS: Rhodes/West,  
Brown/San Juan,  
Ashton/Potokar  
2 BAPTISMS:  
Guajardo/Morris,  
Thurber/Dupaix, Niceler/Zivic,  
Lemmon/Tolman,  
Green/Brinkerhoff  
1 BAPTISM: Noble/Rogers,  
Marquez/Paskett,  
Daniel Johnson/Sheffield,  
Thurman/James, Adair/Olsen,  
Crapo/Andrews, Holt/Navarro,  
Lindsay/Sampson,  
Thomson/Bowen, Bardin/  
Morris, Flanders/Lough, Ward/  
Webster, Longtin/Jones,  
Zelechowski/Lefevre, Johnson/  
Powell, Baughman/Krein,  
Pyles/Hellewell, Barrus/Ison,  
McMurdie/Long, Christensen/  
Hendershot, Hendricks/Nelson,  
Morales/Allen

Sisters:

Lisa Carlson  
Deborah Knickerbocker

Senior Couple:

Joan & Farrell Pilkington



### Arrivals

August 06, 1997

Elders:

Nicholas Crockett  
Agustin Rodriguez  
David Rosa

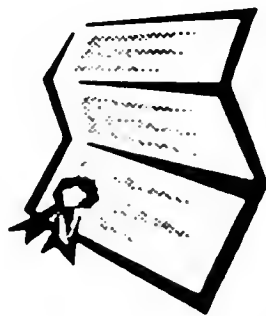
Sisters:  
Nicole Crookston  
Emily Wuthrich

### MASTERY PROGRAM

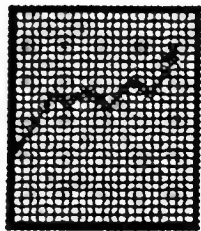
Qualified  
Elders:

J. Chatterley  
J. Hadfield  
B. Hunt  
N. Jacobs  
D. Larned  
T. Olsen  
S. Westin

Sisters:  
H. Gleason  
R. Layne







## AUGUST ZONE CONFERENCES

## HEALTH TIPS

## CAR CZAR by Elder Johnsen

### JULY

### ZONE LEADER

JULY  
Baptisms

AUGUST  
Goal

Tucson North	E. Annandale	0	10
Tucson	E. Flanders	2	17
Tucson West	E. Ashton	3	12
Tucson East	E. Marquez	7	18
Tucson Rincon	E. Mooney & E. Thurber	4	15
Sierra Vista	E. Salisbury	16	23
Gila Valley	E. Johnson	5	12
N.M. West	E. Holt	4	16
N.M. East	E. Schaffer	8	16
Roswell	E. Barrus	4	15
Mt. Franklin	E. Hadfield & E. De Gooyer	10	21
El Paso	E. Theobald	4	15
TOTALS:		67	190

August 11: at Resler,  
El Paso, Mt. Franklin,  
Roswell, NM East

August 14: at Wilcox  
Sierra Vista, NM West  
Gila Valley

August 20: at Tucson  
Stake Center  
Tucson  
Tucson North  
Tucson West  
Tucson East  
Rincon

by Sister Johnsen

Since grade school you have heard that "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day." It's true! A bowl of whole grain cereal (preferably bran with fiber) and some fruit will do the trick. Avoid junk food at noon. Look for whole-some breads and fillings for sandwiches, fresh fruit, and a dairy choice. Dinner should be your lightest meal!

TAKE CARE OF  
YOU!

For those of you that make every effort to get your DVR in on time (by the 5th of the month) I thank you very much. For those of you who don't, a CALL TO REPENTANCE might be in order. Seriously, I really need those reports by the 5th of the month as there are other reports generated from them. Thank you. Please do not give the office 800 number to vendors. Give them (520) 577-7076.

Have a great month and take good care of your car!

Love you,  
Elder Johnsen

## "THE NATURAL MAN"

by the Assistants

Elder David Harris and Elder Cody Jones

For the natural man is an enemy to God...unless he yields to the enticing of the Holy Spirit. If we as a mission rated ourselves on the natural man scale between 1 and 10, how would we rate? We each must find a course that leads us from sin, to overcome the enticing of evil. In Romans 6:12, Paul the Apostle speaks of becoming dead to sin "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Through the atonement of Christ we purify our lives everyday. As we learn to apply the atonement, our lives change and the natural man takes a back seat.

The enticing of the Natural Man would not be so immense if we understood why our Savior sacrificed His life for each of us individually. The lives of our investigators are affected by the strength of our spirit, and we can deeply affect their lives as we qualify ourselves to have the Spirit with us at

all times. Through basic routines of our everyday schedule we can qualify to receive blessings and expect miracles from our Heavenly Father. By small means great things shall be accomplished. (Alma 37:7)

Those who will not qualify themselves by prayer, study, and sacrifice, the Lord cannot bless. We limit the blessing from our Father by the choices we make. Start with prayer and study to learn about your Savior and the sacrifice He made for you, and you will want to share that light and truth with everyone. Qualify yourself everyday so the Lord may bless you everyday.

We love you,

Elders David Harris and Cody Jones

## ATM FOIBLES

by President McKinlay

**Foible:** A minor failing or weakness in character or behavior.

### Transfer Phobia

It appears some missionaries panic when transfer time comes around. Sure, it can be somewhat upsetting, but it is the way of a missionary. With "area ownership" and focus on the work, where and with whom we serve are secondary considerations - not reasons to mourn, celebrate, or question why me, why there, why now and why him or her. The Lord influences all transfers. Didn't we all say, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord?"

### The Comfort Zone

Get out of it. If you let your guard down as a prize fighter, you'll soon be on the canvas. Similarly, if you get too comfortable as a missionary, you may succumb to temptation, or fall victim to lethargy. Worse, you may not find the people the Lord has prepared in your area. No one plans to be a mediocre missionary when they first arrive. Comfort causes complacency.

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# THE MISSION VOICE

"And the Lord called His people Zion,  
because they were of one heart and one  
mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there  
was no poor among them"

Moses 7:18

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"Being One In More Ways Than One"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

August 1997 Baptisms

Our theme for this month, unity, has many ramifications. Here are some that relate directly to our work as missionaries:

1. Be one within yourself. There is a certain strength that comes only through being at peace within yourself, in knowing that your behavior reflects your internal value system, that you are "walking your talk", so to speak; this requires that you are both honest with yourself and true to yourself. (Prov. 23:7)

2. Be one with Christ. By submitting your will to the will of the Master, you become one with Him in purpose and mind. Your eye is single to His glory, and eventually you reach the state where you have "...no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually". (Mosiah 5:2)

3. Be one with your companion. I cannot emphasize this aspect of oneness enough. Investigators and members alike can tell the moment you cross their thresholds whether or not you carry the Spirit - whether or

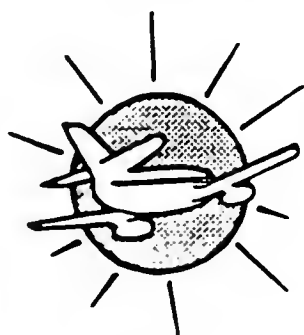
not you are getting along. The results will have a tremendous impact, one way or the other. Set aside any differences (pride, really) you may have, for the work's sake.

(3 Nephi 11:29)

4. Be one with your district and zone. Amazing things happen when you are in harmony with the purposes of the district and zone. Great power is generated when you pray for your fellow missionaries, and their investigators, by name. (John 14:13)

5. Let us be one as a mission. As our theme implies, we can become a Zion Mission; we should become a Zion Mission. When we incorporate items 1 through 4 above, we will be a Zion Mission.

Sister McKinlay and I send our uniformly dispersed, individually felt love for each one of you.



DELTA  
TRANSFER  
Departures

July 31, 1997

David Savage

August 06, 1997

David Philbrick

September 01, 1997

Jennifer Lee

September 3, 1997

Elders:

Thomas Andrews

Jarrett Branch

Brett De Gooyer

David Harris



Sisters:

Joelle Bardin

Ronda Munns

Arrivals

September 03, 1997

Elders:

Artie Bobo

Brent Criser

Steven Hall

Daniel Jordan

Michael Lankton

Aaron Povey

5 Baptisms: Bardin/Newman

4 Baptisms: S. Bingham/  
Henderson, Ashton/Potokar,  
Lowry/Hendershot

3 Baptisms: Wilde/Larnerd,  
Dupaiz/SanJuan, Nelson/  
Prestwich, Wolf/Topping, Mc-  
Murdie/Storms, Morales/Allen

2 Baptisms: Brown/Carver,  
Durfee/Weston, Morris/Guajardo,  
Chatterly/Rodriguez, Thomson/  
Tolman, Crapo/Andrews, Hall/  
Carlson, Balcells/Casillas, De-  
Gooyer/Beck, Martin/Buehner,  
Flanders/Powell, Romine/  
Raglund, Johnson/Bell, Krien/  
Small, Bowen/Wood

1 Baptism: Noble/Rogers,  
Marques//Paskett, Andrew/Layne,  
Bell/Buehner, Buckely/West,  
Hadfield/Mclean, T. Bingham/  
Moultrie, Harris/Jones, Niceler/  
Zivic, Tini/Cardona, Tippetts/  
Despain, Sherman/Mazal,  
Hadley/Bingham, Aeschliman/  
Robinson, Payne/Wells,  
Salisbury/Black, Longtin/Vance,  
Orton/Jacobs, Froerer/Glazier,  
Baughman/Krien, Alldredge/  
Adamson, Gibb/Tracy,  
Hendricks/Nelson.

MASTERY  
PROGRAM  
Qualified

Elders:

N. Despain

R. Ellwell

S. Rowley

N. San Juan

K. Spackman

Sisters:

C. Romine

Certified

Elders:

B. Bell

B. Henderson

G. McLean

E. Marquez



J. Paskett

T. Tippetts

Sisters:

M. Tiniraurii

S. Webster

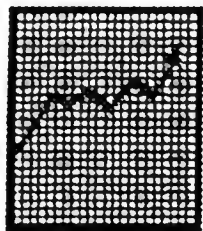
Mastered

Elder T.

Hellewell

Sister D.

Knickerbocker



## SEPTEMBER STAKE CONFERENCES



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

Can good nutrition help you breathe more easily? According to a new study of asthmatics and air pollution, the answer is a resounding yes! Even those who don't suffer from a respiratory condition can benefit from the use of antioxidants, which are foods, for example, containing vitamin C and E. Even supplementing your diet with 500 mg of vit. C and 400 IU of E before exercising is beneficial. Vit. C, which is water soluble, is the body's first line of defense against free radicals formed by toxins (air pollution). Other antioxidants, such as carotenoids, found in

carrots and other vegetables, and lycopene in tomatoes are being looked at.

## TAKE CARE OF YOU!



## CAR CZAR by Elder Johnsen

Still have far too many vehicles that need an LOF... \$3000.00+ is a lot to pay for not getting one and that is what you will pay if an engine burns up due to lack of oil...a word to the wise, etc.

Love you and the work that you do.

AUG	ZONE LEADER	AUG Baptisms	SEPT Goal
Tucson North	E. Annandale	6	10
Tucson	E. Flanders	11	17
Tucson West	E. Ashton	9	12
Tucson East	E. Marquez	13	15
Tucson Rincon	E. Mooney	3	15
Sierra Vista	E. Salisbury	9	20
Gila Valley	E. Johnson	6	12
N.M. West	E. Holt	3	8
N.M. East	E. Thurber	7	16
Roswell	E. Barrus	3	13
Mt. Franklin	E. Hadfield & E. De Gooyer	19	21
El Paso	E. Theobald	5	15
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>174</b>

## ZONE CONFERENCES

9/6,7 Roswell  
9/13,14 El Paso  
9/13,14 Tucson East  
9/8 Roswell  
9/9 El Paso/Mt Franklin  
9/10 NMW/NME at  
Deming,  
9/11 Gila Valley  
9/12 Sierra Vista  
9/15 Tucson  
9/16 Tucson West  
9/17 Tucson East  
9/18 Tucson Rincon  
9/19 Tucson North



## "Becoming One"

by the Assistants

Elder David Harris and Elder Cody Jones

"Fulfill ye my joy that ye be like-minded having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." (Phillip 2:2) Paul counseled the Philippian Saints to be unified in both mind and spirit. We too, as missionaries, must be unified and consecrate ourselves to the work.

While serving missions, we have a great opportunity to consecrate ourselves both temporally and spiritually. The greatest blessings and strength will come to our mission when we truly consecrate ourselves and become "of one heart and one mind". (Moses 7:18) Marion G. Romney said, "The best way to unity is for us to learn the will of the Lord and then to do it."

How well we live this principle will determine how unified we become.

In order to grow closer to Christ and qualify ourselves for His blessings, we must be one in desire and purpose. We will become unified and reach our potential much faster if we follow the counsel of our leaders, especially our Mission President, with faithfulness. May we become as the persecuted Christian Saints of old, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul". ..(Acts 4:32). May we continually strive to become "A Mission of Honor" in every way.

## ATM SNIPPETS OF SUCCESS

by Sister McKinlay

Some wonderful things are happening in the ATM. We thank the following...check it out!  
o Sisters Ronda Munns & Shannon Ketcham had 13 investigators at Sacrament meeting at one time sitting with ward member families - WOW - that's a goal for all of us!  
o Elders Jeremy Ashton and David Potokar for being the first to achieve 100% (meeting the standard of 280 for one month) finding first discussions in their area with 58 % sit down discussions, 9 commits and 2 baptisms... Now, that's working!  
o Elders Tyler Tippetts and Nathan Despain for 65% sit down discussions - the highest in the mission for last month. That's 52 out of 80 for the month. We're getting to our standard...

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"Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God." D&C 88:119

# THE MISSION VOICE

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*"Preparation Brings Peace and Productivity"*  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

The Lord has admonished us to organize ourselves and prepare every needful thing (D&C 88:119); but, he has not asked us to do anything he has not already done. He has already prepared a kingdom for us to inherit (Matt. 25:34), and the prepared blessings are so great that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him". (1Cor. 2:9)

The Lord further admonishes us that, "if ye are prepared ye shall not fear" (D&C 28:30). Just think of a time when you were not prepared, like the morning of a final exam in college, when you had not studied, and were not prepared. Fundamental to our happiness, then, is the absence of fear, or planning and preparation.

There are three areas of preparation important to your overall success as a missionary.

1. **Spiritual Preparation:** Personal and companionship study, plus personal prayer - preparing the inner vessel.

2. **Physical Preparation:** Clean apartments and good personal grooming invites the spirit, so that you look and feel like the Lord's representative.

3. **Proselyting Preparation:** Using your blue/yellow planner to A-B-C plan will ensure a more productive - both efficient and effective - day. Remember that leaving blank spots in your planner invites the adversary to "fill in" with less effective, even less obedient kinds of activities. Plan him out of your work.

Remember that Sister McKinlay and I love you with a perdurable, even intemporal, love.

President McKinlay

**5 Baptisms:** Hoskins/Gardner, Wolf/Tolman, Lowry/Navarro

**4 Baptisms:** Mooney/Green, Carlson/San Juan, Thurber/Bingham

**3 Baptisms:** Payne/Wells, Zelechowski/LaFevre, Buckley/Dupaix

**2 Baptisms:** Morales/Jobrack, Kowalis/Long, Froerer/Prestwich, Ashton/Potokar, Flanders/Schofield, Hendrickson/Robinson, Beckes/Crockett, Sampson/Crookston/Lindsay, Mickelsen/Sheffield, Farrell/Ketcham, Balcells/Casillas, Nelson/Phippen

**1 Baptism:** Hadley/Bingham, Newman/Layne, Kunzler/Vance, Small/Foote, Pyles/Criser, Woodin/James, Watts/Gantugs, Theobald/Allen, Lough/Lankton, Hendricks/Nelson, Tinirauarii/Romine, Durfee/Gardner/Weston, Weimer/Paskett, Huff/Adams, Chattrley/Rodriguez, Baughman/Stiver, Harrison/Jones, Martin/Hall, Hall/Povey, Salisbury/McLean, Brown/Carver, Dover/Daley, Beck/Sherman



## MASTERY PROGRAM Qualified

### Elders:

B. Alldredge  
R. Brown  
I. Chatterley  
D. Fieldsted  
R. Navarro  
A. Povey  
S. Smith

### Sisters:

S. Ketcham  
A. LeFevre  
M. Rogers

### Certified

#### Elders:

D. Black  
B. Bradshaw  
E. Crapo

J. Kowallis  
R. McMurdie  
J. Rhoades  
Sisters:  
J. Ward

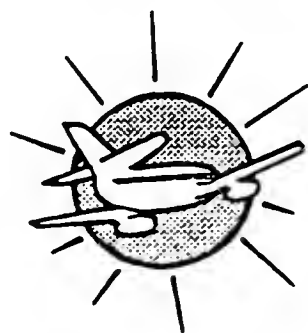
### Mastered

#### Elders:

S. Durfee  
G. McLean  
C. Mickelsen  
D. Payne

#### Sisters:

R. Munns  
L. Noble



## DELTA TRANSFER

### DEPARTURE

October 01, 1977

Elder Darin Sheffield

## ARRIVALS

September 30, 1997

#### Elder:

Joel Adams (ASL)



#### Couple:

Ben Stott  
Laurel Stott

October 03, 1997

#### Elders:

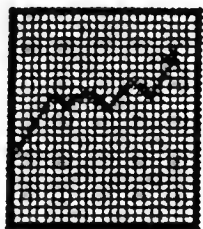
Robert Pemberton  
Brian Sedgwick  
Kirk Shepherd

#### Sisters:

Lindsay Shields  
Heather Young

## FLU SEASON IS BACK

This year everyone is to get their flu shot locally in your area. You can get free flu shots through your local community. The deadline for you to get your shot is November 1. Those who choose not to follow this most excellent counsel and get sick with the flu will be paying their own doctor bill!



## OCTOBER CONFERENCES

GENERAL: 10/4,5  
STAKE: 10/18,19  
Las Cruces

## ZONE CONFERENCES

10/6 Tucson North  
10/7 Tucson West  
10/8 Tucson  
10/09 Rincon  
10/10 Tucson East  
10/13 Sierra Vista &  
Gila Valley at Wilcox  
10/14 NM West & NM  
East at Las Cruces  
10/15 Roswell  
10/16 El Paso  
10/17 Mt. Franklin



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

**Fitness Myth: No Pain, No Gain:** Exercise should never hurt. Soreness is not unusual when you start an exercising program, but your body acclimates quickly and soreness should be less of a problem as your muscles adapt. Warming up and stretching before and after exercising helps. Pain is a sign you are doing something wrong. If you are experiencing pain, you are either exercising at too great an intensity or using improper form. Find out what you are doing that is causing the pain and correct it. **TAKE CARE OF YOU!**



## CAR CZAR by Elder Johnsen

Please stay within the miles you have been allotted. We realize that some areas are huge, and you think you need more than you have been allotted, but remember this:  
1) **PIONEER DAY** It is the policy of the mission that we do not drive our cars on one day of the week. We get out with people walking, riding buses or bikes. In the evening, we secure rides with the members to our appointments.  
2) **PREPARATION DAY** We do not drive our cars on "P" Day. Again, we secure rides with members in the evening. Your miles will work.

AUG	ZONE LEADER	SEPT Baptisms	OCT Goal
Tucson North	E. Annandale	2	15
Tucson	E. Flanders	6	15
Tucson West	E. Ashton	7	12
Tucson East	E. Weimer	3	15
Tucson Rincon	E. Mooney	11	17
Sierra Vista	E. Hadfield	7	20
Gila Valley	E. Johnson	5	16
N.M. West	E. Lowry	6	28
N.M. East	E. Thurber	18	20
Roswell	E. Barrus	3	13
Mt. Franklin	E. Salisbury	11	21
El Paso	E. Theobald	5	15
TOTALS:		84	207

## "...Prepare every needful thing..."

by the Assistants

Elder Cody Jones and Elder Edward Marquez

D&C 88:119 was the Lord's counsel to the saints before they could enjoy the blessings of the temple. Christ taught us about being prepared with the parable of the ten virgins (Matt 25:1-12). Consider the example of Five Wise Missionaries. They have personal and companionship study every morning. They also plan the night before so they will have time to study in the mornings. As we study every morning it is like filling our lamps with oil. If we are one of the foolish and skimp on study, our lamps grow dim before the end of our day. The Spirit may be there when we testify, but not unto conversion. Are we one of the wise or foolish missionaries? The LORD

has told us "...first seek to obtain my word..." (D&C 11:21). As we see in Alma 5:46, "...I have fasted and prayed many days that I might know these things of myself..." Elders and Sisters, we know that when we have prepared ourselves through prayer, planning, and study, then we will be bold and have the Spirit unto conversion. Then we "...shall not fear..." anyone (D&C 38:30) and the Lord will bless us with the power to reach our goals. We encourage you to keep working hard, be humble and prayerful and organize yourselves in things spiritual as well as temporal. Then the Lord will bless you and our mission and we will bring many souls unto Christ.

o Sister Tiniraurii and Sister Romine achieved 101% finding first discussions (more than 280) in September and 50% (40 of 80) sit down discussions. They also added 20 (18 was their goal), committed 3 (4 was their goal) and baptized 2 (3 was their goal). They are the first companionship to surpass the finding first standard! Way to lead out!

o Elder Carlson and Elder San Juan led the mission in sit down discussions - 70% (60 of 80), added 24 (22 was their goal) and committed 12 (10 was their goal), baptized 4 (5 was their goal). Watch out for these Elders - they're on fire!



"Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly and remember the covenant wherewith ye have covenanted one with another."  
D&C 90:24

# THE MISSION VOICE

November 1997 Vol. 16

## "Commitments, Covenants, and Context" by President Douglas R. McKinlay

When we keep our commitments to search for the Lord, pray to the Lord and believe in the Lord, and then honor the covenants we have made with the Lord in his sacred temples, the Lord blesses us with a larger, more forgiving context within which to view and appreciate our missions.

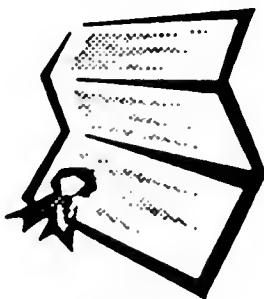
After we have done all we can, the Lord then sees us as qualified in his eyes; we are firmly on his side - and he on ours. When we with resolution have 'cast our lot with the Lord', we may then expect and find the brighter day, even the miracle. Elder Henry B. Eyring recently said that the key to success in the work of the Lord is that, "We need to have done enough for God to give us the miracle." And further, "The Lord gives revelation to those he thinks will act on it."

I ask each of you, have you done all you can? Have you qualified for the miracle? Are you asking for the miracle? Will you act on the revelation when it is received?

This is the Lord's work. I challenge each of you to bring at least two souls to Christ before Christmas: One soul for every missionary in November - as your way of giving thanks, and another soul for every missionary in December - your personal gift to the Master himself.

Remember, Sister McKinlay and I love you with an unrelenting and prodigious love.

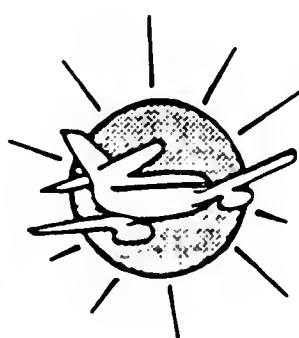
President McKinlay



**MASTERY PROGRAM**  
**Qualified Elders:**  
K. Shepherd  
A. Bobo

**Certified Elders:**  
G. Adams  
B. Bultsma  
I. Chatterly  
J. Evans  
I. James  
A. Rodriguez  
S. Theobald  
B. Vance

**Mastered Elders:**  
D. Hendrickson  
C. Holt  
J. Huff  
  
**Sisters:**  
B. Lindsay (7 months)  
M. Tinirauarii



**DELTA TRANSFER**

**DEPARTURES**  
October 29, 1997

**Elders:**  
Joseph Aeschliman  
Thomas Bingham  
William Dover  
Cody Jones  
Michael Longton  
Marshall Schofield  
Patrick Thurman  
**Sisters:**  
Malee Andrew



Julia Guajardo  
Nancy Sampson  
Marguerite Tinirauarii

**5 Baptisms:** Watts/Gantugs,  
Farrell/Ketchum

**4 Baptisms:** Rodriguez/  
Christensen

**3 Baptisms:** Guajardo/Morris,  
McMurdie/Storms, Krein/West,  
Harrison/Jones, Weimer/Green

**2 Baptisms:** Huff/Dover/Daley,  
Ison/Aeschliman, Pyles/Criser,  
Henderson/Adams, San Juan/  
Carlson,

Martin/Hall, Spackman/Bagley  
**1 Baptism:** Thomson/Crosby,  
Beckes/Crockett, Thurber/  
Bingham, Sampson/Crookston,  
Povey/Jacobs, Wolf/Tolman,  
Buckley/Dupaix, Hendricks/  
Phippen, Balcells/Casillas,  
Durfee/Powell, Tippetts/Despain,  
Walker/Bultsma, Hoskins/  
Gardner, Evans/Armitt, Wood/  
Mazal, Nelson/Rogers,  
Zelechowski/LaFevre, Froerer/  
Prestwich, Bell/Smith, Lemmon/  
Stiver, Barrus/Bowen, McLean/  
Long, Wong/Glazier, Niceler/  
Navarro, Hufford/Wang/Young,  
Payne/Wells



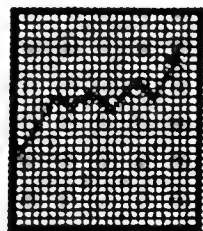
## ARRIVALS

October 29, 1997

**Elders:**  
Patrick Brady  
Benjamin Hammond  
Peter Hebert  
Jaren McMullin  
Mark Seegmiller  
Jacob Shear  
David Styer  
**Sisters:**  
Ester Covington  
Christina Lundberg  
Bethany Stark

## FLU SEASON IS BACK

This year everyone is to get their flu shot locally in your area. The flu deadline is extended to November 15th as we have found it difficult to get free flu shots. You can get them in most large grocery stores for \$10.00. Use your support money at the beginning of November to get your shot! Thank you!



## NOVEMBER



### HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnsen

#### A BETTER WAY TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH!

A recent study found that brushing with dry toothbrush reduced plaque and cut gum bleeding due to gingivitis in half. To do: choose a soft-bristly brush and clean the inside surfaces of your bottom teeth first. Do the inner top level next, then move to the outer surfaces of teeth. Follow with a quick brushing with toothpaste to remove stains, provide fluoride and sweeten breath.



### CAR CZAR'S KORNER

by Elder Johnsen

It is November!!! LUBE, OIL, FILTER time once again. ALL vehicles in the mission fleet should get an LOF during NOVEMBER UNLESS they have had one within the past 2 months. This is very important and remember the VENDOR must call in for an authorization number. DO NOT GIVE THEM THE 800 NUMBER TO CALL! Might see in ZC's...Love ya!

OCT	ZONE LEADER	Oct Baptisms	Nov Goal
Tucson North	E. Annandale	3	08
Tucson	E. Youngblood	4	16
Tucson West	E. Flanders	4	13
Tucson East	E. Weimer	12	15
Tucson Rincon	E. Mooney	4	15
Sierra Vista	E. Hadfield	9	15
Gila Valley	E. Johnson	5	14
N.M. West	E. Lowry	8	13
N.M. East	E. Thurber	11	20
Roswell	E. Barrus	8	20
Mt. Franklin	E. Salisbury	5	21
El Paso	E. Theobald		
	& C. Bowen	1	10
	TOTALS:	74	180

### ZONE CONFERENCES

11/03 NMWest & East at Deming  
11/04 Alamogordo Day  
11/05 Roswell  
11/06 Mt. Franklin & El Paso at Resler  
11/13 5 Tucson Zones North, East, West, Rincon and Tucson  
11/14 Sierra Vista 9-12  
11/14 Gila Valley 4-7pm



### TAKE CARE OF YOU!

### "...Remember the covenant.."

by the Assistants

Elder Edward Marquez and Elder Jeremy Ashton

"All things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly and remember the covenant wherewith ye have covenanted one with another. (D&C 90:24) Here we learn that as we keep the promises or covenants we have made, we will receive the blessings. This is clearly stated in D&C 82:10 where it declares, "I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say: but, when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise." As missionaries, we need to do everything we covenanted to do when we went to the temple and filled out our mission papers. We are promised many blessings for keeping our covenants such as being "directed by the spirit" (D&C 42:13) and

that we will obtain mercy". (D&C 54:6) We all know what it feels like when investigators and members do not keep the commitments they have made. As missionaries we must keep all of our covenants. We need to be obedient to all the commandments and covenants. Then the Lord will pour down blessings upon us and help us to bring more souls to Him through the waters of baptism.

We love each one of you and feel it is a privilege to serve with you in the Arizona Tucson Mission - our Mission of Honor. May our Heavenly Father bless each of us this month to do our best, honor our Priesthood and the covenants we have made.

### ATM SNIPPETS OF SUCCESS

by Sister McKinlay

Check out the Tucson West Zone:  
o Elder Flanders (ZL) and Schofield: 103% FF, 30% SD, 17 adds, 1 com't  
o Elder Potokar (DL) and Sedgwick: 100% FF, 39% SD, 19 adds, 3 com'ts  
o Elders Tippetts & Despaigne: 92% FF, 40% SD, 10 adds, 3 com'ts and 1 baptism  
o Elders Walker & Bultsma: 78% FF, 21% SD, 9 adds, 1 com't, 1 baptism  
o Elders Brinkerhoff (DL) and Rowley: 81% FF, 26% SD, 5 adds, 1 commit  
o Elders Evans & Arritt: 102% FF, 16% SD, 4 adds, 1 commit, 1 baptism  
o Elders Hoskins & Gardner: 76% FF, 43% SD, 8 adds, 1 commit, 1 baptism

GOOD WORK, ELDERS!





# THE MISSION VOICE

December 1997 Vol. 17

**"To Understand the Creation is to Understand Godhood"**

*by President Douglas R. McKinlay*

**November 1997 Baptisms**

This is the beginning of a 5-part series on the Atonement, or what we often refer to as The Plan of Our Heavenly Father — The Plan of Salvation. We will begin Part 1 at the beginning, the Creation. I invite you to ponder the creation - the planning, formation and setting in motion of all things that pertain to this earth. (See Abraham 4, Moses 2; 3:1-7; Genesis 1; John 1:1-3)

Reflect for a moment on the creation as it is portrayed in the Temple: The order and precision with which God created this earth. There was and is a purpose under heaven for all of God's creations, including man — you and me — formed in His express image, each with a divine purpose and particular mission to perform.

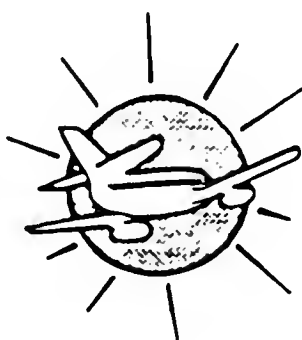
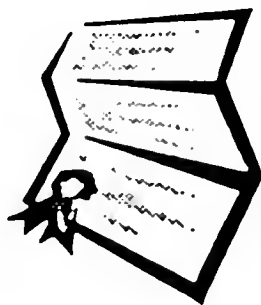
Consider the concept that God, though perfect, continues His progress by and through His

creations. And that we, one day reaching perfection ourselves, will grow in precisely the same way. We then need to comprehend in greater depth than ever before, the creation as outlined in the scriptures. I believe that one reason we have numerous accounts of the creation is so that we may understand well the process, for we should one day utilize it ourselves.

Lastly, consider the birth of Christ, His earthly beginning and the impact on this life — and all eternity — of His atoning sacrifice for you and me. All else pales in significance.

Sister McKinlay and I send our warmest, deepest love at this special time of year to each of you.

President McKinlay



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

J. Adams  
B. Buchner  
B. Criser  
T. Hoskins  
E. Mazal  
M. Topping  
M. Tracy

#### Sisters:

C. Casillas  
E. Covington  
H. Young

#### Certified

#### Elders:

B. Flanders  
D. Johnson  
D. Mooney  
C. Stiver  
J. Woodin

#### Sisters:

B. Hendricks  
S. Hufford  
M. Newman  
J. Prestwich  
E. Wuthrich

#### Mastered

Elders:  
J. Paskett

#### Sisters:

A. Froerer  
S. Webster

## DELTA TRANSFER

### DEPARTURES

November 26, 1997

#### Elders:

Gabriel Daley  
Calvin Holt  
Don Payne  
Jason Woodin

#### Sister:

Marion Newman

### ARRIVALS

November 26, 1997

#### Elder:

Juan Yanez

#### Sisters:

Julie Foster  
Gina Morgan  
Erin Smith

#### Couple:

Gloria Andrus  
Lynn Andrus

### 4 Baptisms: (Oct) Allen/Longtin

(Nov) Lindsay/Stark,  
Johnson/Rosa, Hoskins/Criser,  
Theobald/Seegmiller

3 Baptisms: Adams/Jordan,  
Woodin/Foote, Newman/Gleason,  
Krein/Magnere, Wong/Layne,  
Barrus/Gibb, Watts/Gantugs

2 Baptisms: Huff/Long, Kunzler/  
Adamson, McLean/Lemmon,  
Durfee/Powell, Thurber/Brown,  
Willoughby/Crookston, Wood/Brady,  
Pyles/Allen, Farrell/Wuthridge,  
Flanders/Small, Wilde/Wells,  
Balcells/Lundberg, Hellewell/  
Pemberton, Webster/Covington

### 1 Baptism: Weimer/Green,

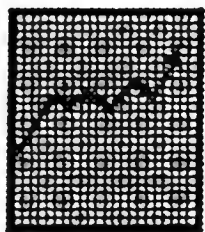
C. Bowen/Beck, Cardona/Covington,  
B. Bowen/Navarro, Hendricks/  
Phippen, Niceler/Duley, Henderson/  
Tracy, Lamerd/Smith, Zelechowski/  
LeFevre, Beckes/Styer, Hadfield/  
Tippets, Fieldsted/Crapo, Barrus/  
Small, Evans/Armitt, Wolf/Tolman,  
Mickelsen/Hadley, Harrison/Mazal,  
Wang/Young, Pyles/Holbrook,  
Bell/Green, Henderson/Vance,  
Johnson/Weston,  
Olsen/Shear  
Youngblood/Ison  
Hendrickson/Tolman  
Hendrickson/Payne  
Romane/Ketchum

#### Couple:

John Johnsen  
Beverley Johnsen

## OUR GIFT TO CHRIST

As we walk along the quiet street and look into the beautiful sunset, our hearts are touched by the beauty of God's creations. The earth, all that it has - our families, friends, our missionary experience; there must be something we can give in return. We commit to each other we will bring one soul to Him - now, this month - we will do it for Him because we love Him.



## DECEMBER

STAKE CONFERENCES  
12/06 Sierra Vista AZ  
Tucson AZ  
Tucson Rincon

### ZONE CONFERENCES

12/08 Sierra Vista/Gila  
Valley at Wilcox  
12/09 NMWest & East  
at Las Cruces  
12/10 Alamogordo Day  
12/11 Roswell  
12/12 Mt. Franklin  
12/13 El Paso  
12/16 Rincon  
12/17 Tucson East  
12/18 Tucson  
12/19 Tucson N & W  
at Tucson North



### HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Johnson

For those of you that walk alot, here's a foot fatigue hint: sit in a chair, barefoot or in socks. Place a tennis ball under one foot. Roll the ball around with your foot concentrating on the arch, the sides and the ball of your foot. Grip the ball tightly with your toes and hold. Repeat with the other foot. Now, doesn't that feel better?

TAKE CARE OF  
YOU!!



### CAR CZAR'S KORNER

by Elder Johnson

One final reminder, November WAS LOF month!! if you haven't gotten one yet, please do so. Also, this is the final Korner by me. Next month it will be Elder Andrus. Just always remember the OLD FAT ELDER in the office loves you and wishes only the very best for you for the rest of your mortal life. Hasta La Vista ya'!!!

NOV	ZONE LEADER	Nov Baptisms	Dec Goal
Tucson North	E. Annandale	3	18
Tucson	E. Youngblood	6	14
Tucson West	E. Flanders	4	16
Tucson East	E. Weimer	10	15
Tucson Rincon	E. Mooney	4	20
Sierra Vista	E. Hadfield	13	15
Gila Valley	E. Johnson	12	22
N.M. West	E. Lowry	5	14
N.M. East	E. Thurber	8	15
Roswell	E. Barrus	10	14
Mt. Franklin	E. Salisbury	12	21
El Paso	E. C. Bowen	5	10
TOTALS:		92	194



"...All things were made by Him..."

by the Assistants

Elder Edward Marquez and Elder Jeremy Ashton

What is the purpose of our creation? To become like our Heavenly Father. From the creation we learn how Heavenly Father teaches us to make that process Christ taught us that his father showed him what to do first (John 5:19-20). Then Heavenly Father helped him through it (Luke 22:43) until Christ was strong enough to do it on his own (Mark 15:34). Likewise Christ uses the same process to teach us. In Matt. 11:29 Christ invites us to follow him. Then he promises help in Matt. 28:30, but the best way to learn is to do. So Christ taught that

we must do the will of our father to truly know his will (John 7:17). Why else would Heavenly Father have Christ make the world physically (John 1:3)? Now, as representatives of Christ we must do the same with our investigators and less active members which are his sheep. We must *feed them* (John 21:17) by teaching them the commandments and helping them to live on their own. Let us all *do the works of him that sent us, while it is day* (John 9:4). We love all of you and appreciate all of your hard work and effort to *feed his sheep*.

"Making our Baptism Goals:  
What would make a difference?"

The following is counsel that was given to the Gila Valley Zone in November at ZC by Elder D. Todd Christofferson which is good for all.

1. Consult the Lord on your baptism goals. Ask for an impression to receive His will on the matter.
2. Important to be exact in obedience. refine and fix what you need to Disobedience limits God Be Precise
3. Ask for Faith - it is a spiritual gift
4. If you sense you have received a private impression to make a special covenant with God, then do it.
5. Fast as a companionship after making your goals so you will be more sensitive to the Spirit.
6. Study. Study Joseph Smith's History. Listen to the Spirit as it speaks to you. Read the Family Proclamation and scriptures that relate to it.
7. Call upon the blessing of President McKinlay that your area will be fruitful. Ask God to honor that blessing.
8. Pray for each other - for all the missionaries in this room (mission).

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



"And in that day Adam blessed God and was filled, and began to prophesy concerning all the families of the earth, saying: Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy, and again in the flesh I shall see God. And Eve, his wife, heard all these things and was glad, saying: Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient." Moses 5:10-11

# THE MISSION VOICE

January 1998 Vol. 18

## "The Fall Forward"

by President Douglas R. McKinlay

Elder Bruce R. McConkie calls the Fall of Adam "one of the three pillars of eternity...one of the three greatest events that has ever occurred, or ever will occur in all eternity." The other two are the Creation, which we studied last month, and the Atonement, the topic of study for next month.

Certainly, the true perspective/doctrine concerning the Fall is one of the plain and precious truths lost from the Bible, and which has been restored through modern revelation. In the absence of this revealed truth, many misconceptions and false doctrines have grown out of the account as set forth in Genesis chapters one through three.

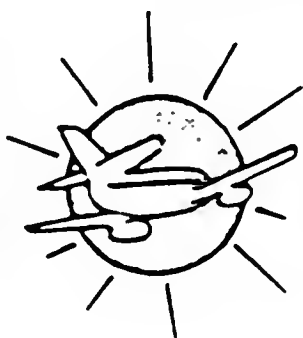
As opposed to fearing the potentially disastrous effects of the fall, we as Latter-Day Saints celebrate the fall as a vital step forward in the plan of salvation, and in our own eternal progress. What Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden was

precisely what they were pre-commissioned to do: introduce mortality - physical life and death - and the joys and sorrows associated with spiritual life and death; the choice and accountability that come with individual agency.

Both Adam and Eve thanked God for their choices while in the Garden of Eden (Moses 5:10-11). We likewise should rejoice in their choices and consequences. In a very real sense, their decisions brought about or made possible the atonement of Jesus Christ. Sister McKinlay and I look forward to sharing our thoughts on this most important doctrine during January Zone Conferences.

Our never-ending love for each of you is born anew at this time of reflection, resolution and commitment.

President McKinlay



## DELTA TRANSFER

## DEPARTURES December 31, 1997

Sister:  
M. Nelson

Mastered Elder:  
J. Salisbury

Sister:  
I. Balcells

Elders:  
Eric Crapo  
Darren Hendrickson  
Edward Marquez  
Cameron Stiver



## ARRIVALS

December 31, 1997

Elders:  
Grant Bushman  
Jonathan Herbert  
Jeffrey Lee  
Jeremiah Wise  
Johnathan Zwahlen  
Sisters:  
Jennifer Cronk  
Kimberlee  
Frederick

## December 1997 Baptisms

5 Baptisms: Salisbury/Kowallis,  
Theobald/Seegmiller,  
Gardner/Bingham

4 Baptisms: Carlson/Hebert

3 Baptisms: Thompson/Richards,  
Wilde/Wells, Bowen/Beck,  
Hendricks/Ketchum,  
Rowley/Bagley

2 Baptisms: Mooney/Sedgwick,  
Krein/Mangere, Knuzler/  
Adamson, Casillas/Morris,  
Buckley/Alldredge, Cardona/  
Covington, Nelson/Foster, Lindsay/  
Stark, Bell/Green, Lough/Foote,  
Mazal/Povey, Wang/Young,  
Froerer/Rogers

1 Baptism: Brinkerhoff/  
Christensen, Flanders/McMullin,  
Tippetts/Crapo, Nelson/LeFevre,  
Henderson/Vance, Ward/Smith,  
Rodriguez/Jacobs, Paskett/Stiver,  
Lowry/Carver, Pyles/Holbrook,  
Thurber/Brown, Wolf/Despain,  
Huff/Long, Niceler/Chatterley,  
Moultrie/Crockett, Hellewell/Zivic,  
Dupaix/Pemberton, Johnson/  
Bradshaw, Noble/Ragland

TOTAL FOR 1997: 1,023

## MONTHLY FIRESIDES



Beginning Sunday, January 18 at the Mission Home, the ATM will have monthly firesides featuring Elder Andrus and other guest speakers. Elder Andrus has taught history and Church History for over 25 years at Ricks College. Elder Andrus will present the first four firesides on the following dates: Jan 18, Feb 15, March 22 and April 19. Tucson missionaries are invited to attend; however, the ticket for admittance is one investigator (at least) per missionary! You won't want to miss these!

## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

Elders:  
Brady  
Jordan  
Rosa  
Seegmiller

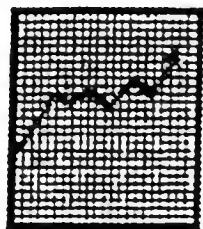
### Students:

Lundberg  
Nelson  
Ragland  
Smith

### Certified

Elder:  
Christensen





ZONE	December Baptisms	ZONE LEADER	
Tucson North	E. Johnson	7	
Tucson	E. Youngblood	3	
Tucson West	E. Barrus	8	
Tucson East	E. Weiner	5	
Tucson Rincon	E. Flanders	4	
Sierra Vista	E. Hadfield	10	
Gila Valley	E. Annandale	5	
N.M. West	E. Lowry	6	
N.M. East	E. Thurber	4	
Roswell	E. Potokar	3	
*Mt. Franklin	E. Salisbury	21	
El Paso	E. C. Bowen	5	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>81</b>	

\*Set and achieved a goal of 21 baptisms!

**JANUARY**  
 DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
 1/3,4 Alamogordo  
 STAKE CONFERENCE  
 1/10,11 St. David  
 1/17,18 Tucson North  
 REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
 1/24,25 Alamogordo,  
 El Paso, Mt. Franklin,  
 Las Cruces at Las Cruces  
 Elders Faust, Packer,  
 and Mickelson visiting  
 ZONE CONFERENCES  
 1/8 Sierra Vista  
 1/9 Gila Valley  
 1/12 Tucson West  
 1/13 Tucson  
 1/14 Tucson North  
 1/15 Rincon  
 1/16 Tucson East  
 1/20 NME & W at LC  
 1/21 Roswell  
 1/22 Mt. Franklin  
 1/23 El Paso

## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

Now that the holidays are over, some of us probably need to "lighten" up a bit. Read labels: *calories and fat grams do count.* Keep fat grams around 30 per day. Warning: one WHOPPER with cheese has a whopping 46 fat grams, compared to Subways' Veggie Delite 6" sub with only 3! Eat lots of fruits, vegetables and grains.

TAKE CARE OF YOU!!

## CAR CZAR'S KORNER

by Elder Andrus

During the month of January, I will be visiting during zone conferences. I'll take a few minutes during administrative training for automotive instruction. I'll inspect the cars brought in to these zone meetings. Please have the cars all ready for inspection; this includes mechanical readiness, washing, waxing, & vacuuming with appropriate papers in the glove box.

I'm looking forward to visiting with you!



## "The Fall"

by the Assistants

Elder Jeremy Ashton and Elder Joseph Salisbury

What can we learn from the fall? We know that Adam and Eve's decision to partake of the fruit was a transgression and not a sin. Adam and Eve had two contradicting commandments. The first was to "be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28). The second was "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it" (Gen. 2:17). If they partook of the fruit, they would suffer the consequences of that decision, but they could not obey the first commandment without disobeying the second. So, Heavenly Father left the decision up to them with the warning that in the day they ate the fruit, they would both spiritually and physically die (Moses 3:17). When Adam and Eve partook of the fruit they decided to step down from their immortal state to allow the plan of happiness to go forth.

We should be eternally grateful to them for making that difficult choice

between staying in God's presence or beginning the plan. Through their decision we have joy (2 Ne. 2:25) and we receive the opportunity to be tested so we can be exalted and become like our Heavenly Father. Without this decision the foundation of our Heavenly Father's plan would have crumbled!

We know that Adam did die that day (Abr. 5:13). All of us sin and will die someday. Heavenly Father knew that this would happen and sent us a redeemer to save us. Christ came and atoned for us. Now we can be made "alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). May we all be faithful to our covenants so we can receive "the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient" (Moses 5:11). We love you all very much and pray daily for your success. This month's AP training tour theme is Mosiah 13:4 about being unyielding.



## The Creation

by Elder Casey N. Bowen

In the stars of the Heavens I made my first home  
 Where my Father and I  
 And my Brothers did roam.  
 We sought and we learned all the things  
 That we could, and our Father  
 Gave us that which was good  
 Then came the time in the growing expanse  
 When we could not progress  
 And we could not advance  
 Our Father just smiled  
 And showed us His plan  
 We would come to the earth  
 And here have a place  
 And here we would struggle  
 And not see His face.  
 With our freedom to choose  
 And our body to gain  
 From our toils and trials and  
 From our temporal pain.  
 We would grow and progress  
 And become like our parents  
 With a fullness of joy  
 And a mighty new purpose.  
 So smile and cheer  
 With a standing ovation  
 For we would be nothing without the Creation.

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"For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent: but if they would not repent they must suffer even as I; which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit - and would that I might not drink the bitter cup and shrink - nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men." Doctrine & Covenants 19:16-19

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## "He Depends On Us To Depend On Him"

by President Douglas R. McKinlay

By working out the infinite and eternal atonement, the Savior of the world has prepared the way for us to return to our Father in Heaven. Both the physical and spiritual deaths, which have passed upon all men, have been overcome.

As we come to more fully understand the nature and effect of the atonement, we should experience an even greater measure of joy in the Lord, as described in the Third and Fourth Chapters of Mosiah, when his followers proclaimed: "...Oh, have mercy, and apply the atoning blood of Christ that we may receive forgiveness of our sins, and our hearts may be purified; for we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who created the heaven and earth, and all things..." Then came the Spirit

of the Lord upon the people, "...and they were filled with joy, having received a remission of their sins, and having peace of conscience..." (Mosiah 4:2-3)

Regardless of where we are personally regarding our eternal progress and the hope of exaltation, we can always improve our position with the Savior, and the amount of joy we receive as his ministers here in the ATM, and throughout our lives. The feast is prepared; all things are in readiness. He depends on us to sit at his table and partake; we depend on his love, mercy and forgiveness. The Master beckons.

Sister McKinlay and I offer our love along with His this month as together we search, ponder and pray over the atonement.

### MASTERY PROGRAM

#### Qualified Elders:

Bushman, Grant  
Gardner, Robert  
Gardner, Ryan  
Pemberton, P.

#### Sisters:

Foster, Julie  
Stark, Bethany

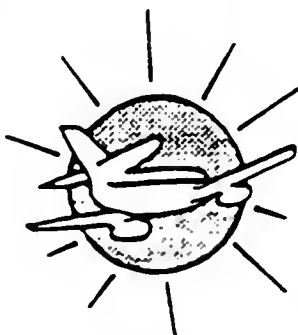
#### Certified Elders:

Bagley, A. Kirk  
Brady, Patrick  
Foote, John  
Hall, Jon  
Rowley, Steven

Tolman, Randy  
Sisters:  
Farrell, Krista  
Zelechowski, D.

#### Mastered Elders:

Annandale, Neil  
Johnson, Daniel  
Rhoades, J.  
Sisters:  
Hufford, Sarah  
Prestwich, J.  
Ward, Julie



### DELTA TRANSFER

#### DEPARTURES

January 31, 1988  
Elder Corey Green

February 4, 1998

#### Elders:

Adams, Joel  
Annandale, Neil (2/6)  
Aston, Jeremy  
Bultsma, Ben



Huff, Justin  
Layne, Ruth  
Thurber, James  
Youngblood, Dalen

#### ARRIVALS

February 4, 1988

#### Elders:

Araujo, Santiago  
Cahan Andrew  
Dunton, Eric  
Erickson, Nathan  
Goff, James  
King, Adam  
Wilson, Martin  
Merrill, Glen and Lorine

5 Baptisms: Olsen/Shear  
Moultrie/Crockett

4 Baptisms: Mazal/Povey,  
Froerer/Rogers

3 Baptisms: Hendricks/Ketchum,  
Balcells/Fredricks/Smith,  
Tippets/Herbert, Hoskins/Vance,  
Jobrack/Seegmiller

2 Baptisms: Lough/Green  
Casillas/Morris, Youngblood/  
Ison, Nelson/Webster, Hufford/  
Shields, Young/Layne, Bell/  
Bultsma, Huff/Long, Cardona/  
Convington, Rowley/Bagley,  
Beckes/Carver

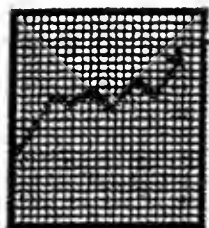
1 Baptism: Nelson/Foster,  
West/Spackman, Johnson/  
Bradshaw, Mooney/Lee,  
Rodriguez/Tolman, Lindsay/  
Stark, Whitely/Buchner,  
Gleason/Morgan, Pyles/Langton,  
Wang/LeFevre, Brown/Hall,  
Zelechowski/Willoughby,  
Gantugs/Sherman, Larned/  
Smith, Lowry/Kowallis, Carlson/  
Hebert, Morales/Pemberton,  
Thurber/Beck, Farrell/Wuthridge/  
Cronk, Baughman/Wolf  
(Dec 1 Baptism, Wong/Layne)

### FEBRUARY FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside for the month of February will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7pm. Elder Andrus will present "The Reformation". We had 25 investigators attend the fireside in January and it was very successful; in fact, the investigators requested that they come to the entire series. The fireside will be held at the Chapel due to the large attendance.

The ticket for admission is the same: one investigator per missionary - no exceptions.



## FEBRUARY



### STAKE CONFERENCE

2/21 Roswell St. Conf.

### ZONE CONFERENCES

ZONE	ZONE LEADER	Jan	Jan
		Bap	Goal
Tucson North	E. Johnson	8	10
Tucson	E. Youngblood	11	16
Tucson West	E. Barrus	1	14
Tucson East	E. Weimer	1	11
Tucson Rincon	E. Flanders	2	13
Sierra Vista	E. Hadfield	9	18
Gila Valley	E. B. Bowen	7	36
N.M. West	E. Beckes	8	16
N.M. East	E. Brown	8	18
Roswell	E. Potokar	4	21
Mt. Franklin	E. Lowry	10	24
El Paso	E. Thurber	6	15
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>*231</b>

\*These are the wards' baptism goals



### "The Atonement of Jesus Christ"

by the Assistants

A revelation, given through Joseph Smith to Martin Harris in the 19th section of the Doctrine and Covenants, expounds on the greatness of the Atonement. This revelation and counsel shares the sweetness and claims of mercy predicated on one factor, the obedience of his children! In the sixteenth verse, the Savior shares of his suffering that we may avoid this, "Which suffering caused myself, even God the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore."

In the second discussion we teach that true repentance brings a peace and hope that encompasses us all. When we exercise our faith unto repentance (Alma 34:17), we can then ask ourselves what Alma asked his people in the fifth chapter and 26th verse, "And now behold, I say unto you, my brethren, if ye have experienced a change of heart, and if ye have felt to

sing the song of redeeming love, I would ask, can ye feel so now?"

Elders and Sisters, we have the unique opportunity to proclaim this great truth to our investigators. Equally important is to apply this "great and last sacrifice" in our own lives. As we repent daily of those things which we do wrong, our Savior has assured us that we will not suffer like he did. On the other hand, if we fail to repent we must suffer in like manner as he did. May we "begin to call upon his holy name, that he would have mercy upon us". As we apply the Atonement we may receive those blessings which he has in store for his servants.

It is our prayer that each of us will desire these special blessings and the joy that comes from drawing nearer to the Savior.

### HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

Colds are the most common illness in the world. The flu is similar, but is often more severe and lasts longer. The only way to catch a cold or flu is from other people. To avoid catching or spreading colds: avoid close contact. Wash your hands frequently, and keep them away from your face. Dispose of all tissue used to blow your nose immediately after use. Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing.

### CAR CHIEF'S CORNER

by Elder Andrus

Missionaries should be aware that if a pager is lost or damaged due to personal neglect and irresponsibility, \$40.00 will be charged against the person responsible. The money may come either from the pocket or the personal missionary account for the following month.

### TAKE CARE OF YOU!!

### TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAR, BIKE AND PAGER!!

### CONVERTS ARE NO LONGER CONFIRMED AT WATERS' EDGE

In a letter to all Priesthood Leaders dated January 23, 1998, the First Presidency has announced "...the confirmation of new convert members will no longer occur at the time of baptism but will be performed in a subsequent sacrament meeting of the ward or branch in which the new member resides." (See D&C 20:68) "We ask that leaders in both full-time and stake missions ensure that converts are effectively taught the outlined discussions and that they have an adequate understanding of the responsibilities of being a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." We will discuss this announcement at Zone Conference!



"Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? John 11: 25, 26

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Baptisms by Companionships

When the Savior answered Martha regarding her brother Lazarus' death, he taught some powerful doctrine. But it took "ears that could hear" in order to understand what he said. It was, of course, all about spiritual life and death, and physical life and death. The key appears to have been to believe in him.

The resurrection was a new doctrine, and that the resurrection was to come in and through Jesus Christ - who stood among them - made it all the more difficult to comprehend. So, he chose the raising of Lazarus from the dead as an object lesson to demonstrate his power over life and death - both physical and spiritual.

If the key to life was to believe

in him then, how much more need have we now to believe in him? To believe that he was and is the author and finisher of our faith, and that through him we may indeed inherit eternal life, the greatest of all the gifts of God. The effectual door has been opened; but, we must take the initiative. He has completed his portion of the plan, now it is up to us to take full advantage. He has finished the work the Father gave him to do here on earth. How are we doing at finishing ours? It is a matter of life and death.

Sister McKinlay and I love you with exceeding great love.

## 2 Baptisms:

S. Hufford/Shields, E. Gibb/Jacob, E. Flanders/Rosa, E. Durfee/Crosby, E. Storms/Robinson, S. Prestwich/Romine, E. Mazal/Hebert, E. Beckes/Hellewell, S. Casillas/Morris, E. Gantugs/Zwahlen

## 1 Baptism:

E. Johnson/Wilde, E. Gardner/Bingham, E. Foote/McMullin, E. Youngblood/Ison, S. Nelson/Foster, S. Lindsay/Stark, E. Whiteley, Buehner, E. Tippetts/Herbert, S. Nelson/Webster, S. Young/Heartly, E. Spackman/West, E. Fieldsted/Magnere, E. Alldredge/Lough, E. Black/Paskett, E. Hoskins/Vance, S. Wang/LeFevre, S. Lindsay/LeFevre, E. Criser/Erickson, S. Zelechowski/Willoughby, E. C. Bowen/Smith, E. Weimer/Kowallis, S. Ward/Lundberg, E. Carson/Wilson, S. Cardona/Ketcham, E. Lowry/Dupax, E. San Juan/Bobo

## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified Elders:

Buckley, Wade  
Crockett, Nicholas  
Holbrook, Walter  
Lankton, M.  
Morales, M.  
Richards, Corby  
Shear, Jacob

Sisters:  
Cronk, Jennifer  
Crookston, Nicole  
Frederick, K.  
Wong, Ualani

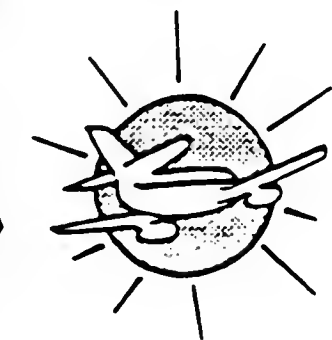
### Certified Elders:

Gantugs, L.  
Morales, Moroni  
Wilde, Brandon

Sisters:  
Cordona, Natalia

### Mastered

Elders:  
Adams, Grant  
Black, David  
Brady, Patrick  
Henderson, B.  
Zivic, Brian



## DELTA TRANSFER

### DEPARTURES March 4, 1998

Elder:  
Rian Elwell  
Sisters:  
Cardona, Natalia  
Hufford, Sarah  
Nelson, Amie  
Phippen, Wendy  
Romine, Christie  
Webster, Shannon



## ARRIVALS

March 4, 1988

Elder:  
Ragrup, Kevin  
Sisters:  
Cojan, Gwennae  
Stanger, Tiffany

## BYU MEN'S CHORUS



BYU's Young Men's Chorus is coming Friday, March 2, 7:30 pm at Sahaura HS, Tucson. Bring investigators and members. Don't miss this. Tickets sold at door.

## MARCH FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside for the month of March will be held on Sunday, March 22 at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7pm in Tucson. Elder Andrus will present "The Restoration".

Due to numerous requests, the requirement for admission will be one investigator per two missionaries. This will enable more of your investigators to attend.





## MARCH STAKE CONFERENCES

3/7 Tucson East

### REGIONAL CONFERENCE

3/21 Thatcher Arizona  
Duncan, Pima  
Safford, Thatcher

### PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEWS

3/10 Tucson E. & Rincon  
3/12 Tucson W. & Tucson  
3/13 Tucson North  
3/15 Mt. Franklin  
3/16 El Paso  
3/17 Carlsbad, Hobbs,  
Lovington, Portales  
Clovis  
3/18 Roswell, Ruidoso  
Alamogordo District  
3/19 Alamogordo Day  
3/20 New Mexico @ L. C.  
Silver City  
3/21 Gila Valley  
3/23 Sierra Vista



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

Keep both nostrils open when blowing your nose. If you blow with one nostril at a time, you run a great risk of blowing mucus and drainage up into your sinuses. This can result in sinus infection, sore throats, and more.

Also, please remember: Missionaries must not see a doctor of any type without first getting approval from Missionary Medical at Church Headquarters. To do this, call Sister Andrus at the Mission Office or Sister McKinlay.

## TAKE CARE OF YOU!!



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

Dear Missionaries,  
I want you to know that in any accident my first concern involves you, not the car you drive or bike you ride. Please be careful. Life is much more precious than metal, glass, plastic and rubber.

Love,  
Elder Andrus

ZONE	ZONE LEADER	Feb	
		Bap	Goal
Tucson North	E. Johnson	3	11
Tucson	E. Pyles	2	13
Tucson West	E. Barrus	2	14
Tucson East	E. Bell	3	11
Tucson Rincon	E. Flanders	6	13
Sierra Vista	E. Wans/Krein	5	18
Gila Valley	E. B. Bowen	7	34
N.M. West	E. Beckes	6	16
N.M. East	E. Brown	2	18
Roswell	E. Potokar	3	17
Mt. Franklin	E. Weimer	5	24
El Paso	E. Lowry	2	15
TOTAL:		46	*205

\*These are the wards' baptism goals



## "Being Believing" by the Assistants

Elder Joseph Salisbury and Elder John Hadfield

As we approach the Easter season in one month our thoughts and reflections are directed toward the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Typically in the Christian world one forgets the important fact that the resurrection is eternally related to the atonement. Often times we focus on the atonement in one light and the resurrection in another.

We unseemingly look at the resurrection as an end to receiving immortality, rather than as a means to obtaining exaltation. Living with our Father in Heaven and becoming like Him is part of the message we as appointed ministers share. The resurrection is the key that opens the gates of eternity, not the last step in our journey that returns us to our Heavenly Father.

In our discussions we teach that "the resurrection is a free gift to each of us". Some think this means that living forever is the end. This is a fallacy. The theme for this month is not only to understand the resurrection but to believe and to exercise faith upon it as a means to exaltation. In doing so, we qualify ourselves for Eternal Life.

As we study the resurrection this month concentrate not only on the physical part of it, but believing upon it. And, as you apply this with your investigators help each one of them to obtain a testimony that the resurrection is a physical part of our way back to our Heavenly Father and that we must demonstrate our faith in it.

We love you and pray for your success.

## NEW ZONE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE and DDM FORMAT



Zone Conferences will be held every other month beginning this month, March, 1998. In the month that Zone Conference will not be held, I will be conducting 15-20 minute interviews with the missionaries in the field and a District Conference will take the place of a Zone Conference. Zone Leaders will preside at the District Conference. Doctrine will be taught.

This decision was made after much thought, meditation, prayer, and consultation with the Lord and with you, the missionaries. The purpose for the new schedule is to increase the quality of the personal interview and the District Meeting. The reasons we have been able to make this change are due to the healthiness of the mission, the increased motivation, obedience and personal righteousness of each missionary.

### DDM FORMAT

(Weekly schedule varies by District)

Week 1: District Conference  
Week 2: District Council  
Week 3: District Skill Meeting  
Week 4: District Expectations and Goals  
Week 5: Zone Leader Discretion

Any questions or concerns you may have about the above new schedules will be addressed in the March AP Training Tour, DLTM and District Meetings. Thank you, Pres. McKinlay

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"These are they who are just men made perfect through Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, who wrought out this perfect atonement through the shedding of his own blood. These are they whose bodies are celestial, whose glory is that of the sun, even the glory of God, the highest of all, whose glory the sun of the firmament is written of as being typical. D&C 76: 69-70

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Baptisms by Companionships  
7 Baptisms: Covington/Smith

4 Baptisms: Theobald/Arajuo

3 Baptisms: Carlson/Wilson,  
Gantugs/Zwhalen, Prestwich/  
Crookston, Lough/Robinson,  
Rowley/Bushman, Wolf/Langton

2 Baptisms: Mickelsen/Navarro,  
Alldredge/Storms, C. Bowen/  
Smith, Bradshaw/Baughman,  
Wuthridge/Cronk, Wood/Boho,  
Flanders/Rosa, Mazal/Hebert

1 Baptism: Mclean/Jordan,  
Farrell/Hendricks, Kowallis/Lee,  
Wong/Ragland, Kunzler/Goff/  
Gamache, Nelson/Stark, Bell/  
Despain, Lowry/Dupaix, Rogers/  
Ketchem, Whiteley/Vance, Black/  
Gardner, Allen/Styer, McMurdie/  
Crosby, Olsen/Rosa, Spackman/  
Sedgwick, Krein/Watts, Krein/  
Wilde, Young/Hartley, Kunzler/  
Adamson, Webb/San Juan, Brown/  
Hall, Froerer/Stanger,  
Zelechowski/Willoughby, Crockett/  
King, Noble/Glazier, Moultrie/  
Shear, Potokar/Rhoades, Froerer/  
Rogers

APRIL FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of April will be held on Sunday, April 26 at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson. Elder Andrus will present "Joseph Smith". You must have an investigator to attend.

We must Prepare now for the "Judgment of the Resurrection"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

It is not improper for us to think of the eternal sequence of pre-earth life, mortality, death, the spirit world, resurrection, and judgment, etc. But, think of each segment of our journey as having its own aspect of eternal judgment. We were judged fairly in the first estate, and were awarded a mortal body and this earth experience; we passed that first test of agency. Some did not pass that first "judgement," and their progress is forever halted.

Even so, at the time we leave this life there will be another partial judgment; for all those who depart this life firm in the hope of a glorious resurrection, having been faithful in the testimony of Jesus, will go to a place of joy, gladness and rejoicing upon entering the spirit world. Others, who defile themselves, the unrepentant and ungodly, will go to a place where darkness reigns (D&C 138:12-22). As commissioned ministers of

this great latter-day work, we have an opportunity now to know and live the gospel to our fullest. We are tested right here and now. How well we do determines: a) which group we will join after death; and b) what kind of body we will rise with in the resurrection. If we live a celestial law here on earth, we will rise with a body prepared to abide a celestial glory. Otherwise, we must fall short of our own promised blessings. Sister McKinlay and I pray that all of you, every single one, will qualify for a glorious, celestial resurrection, on your way to a glorious, celestial life eternal.

Of course, we will love you through the ages with an eternal, everlasting, infinite, unchanging, perpetual, endless and timeless love.

President McKinlay



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

Armit, J.  
Cahan, A.  
Hadley, P.  
Herbert, J.  
Lough, R.  
M. Sherman,  
D. Stryer, D.  
M. Wilson,  
W. W. W.

L. Shields

### Certified

#### Elders:

Carlson, B.  
Navarro, R.  
Potokar, B.  
Sherman, J.  
S. Smith,  
Watts, J.

#### Sisters:

E. Covington  
M. Rogers  
K. Shannon  
R. Wang

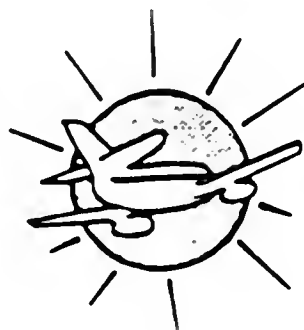
### Mastered

#### Elders:

S. Brinkerhoff  
L. Chatterley  
R. Christensen  
A. Rodriguez

#### Sisters:

B. Hendricks  
R. Wang



## DELTA TRANSFER

DEPARTURES  
April 01, 1998

#### Elders:

Ryan Brown,  
Bradley Buehner  
Ivan Chatterley  
Jared Evans  
Boon Lowry  
Jerry Sherman  
James Thomson  
Brian Vance



#### Sisters:

L. Balcells  
U. Wong

### ARRIVALS

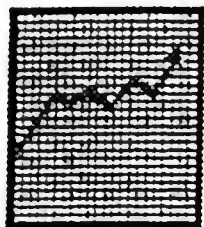
April 01, 1998

#### Elders:

Benjamin Archibald  
Justin Denning  
Adam Kuntz  
Gordon Lindsay  
Miguel Perez

#### Sister:

Diane Robinson



## APRIL

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

4/4-5 All Stakes

### ZONE CONFERENCE

4/7 Tucson N/W  
at North Stake

4/8 Rincon

4/9 Tucson East

4/10 Tucson

4/13 Sierra Vista

4/14 Gila Valley

4/15 New Mexico  
At Las Cruces

4/16 Roswell

4/17 El Paso

4/18 Mt. Franklin

### ZONE

### ZONE LEADER

Mar  
Bap

Mar  
Goal

Tucson North	E. Johnson	5	10
Tucson	E. Pyles	3	13
Tucson West	E. Mooney	1	14
Tucson East	E. Bell	1	11
Tucson Rincon	E. Olsen	8	13
Sierra Vista	E. Watts/Krein	4	21
Gila Valley	E. B. Bowen	17	34
New Mexico	E. Brown/Beckes	13	35
Roswell	Potokar	3	17
Mt. Franklin	E. Weimer	14	21
El Paso	E. Lowry	4	15
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>*204</b>

\*These are the wards' baptism goals



### "Enduring to the End"

### ..a missionary's perspective

by the Assistants

Elder Joseph Salisbury and Elder John Hadfield

Much thought comes to the mind of a missionary as he or she fills out the necessary papers to be called to a mission. Such thoughts as: Where will I be going? When will I start? What will my mission be like? All these are valid questions, and are the ones that most likely went through your mind upon the arrival of your call. One of the questions that may have skipped through your thought process was, "How will I endure for 18 to 24 months as an ambassador of Jesus Christ?" Knowing that you are a representative of the Savior could give you an idea that the work would not be easy. So now that you are a missionary how do you endure?

An often quoted MTC mission scripture is D&C 11:21, "Seek not to declare my word but first seek to obtain my word and then shall your tongue be loosed". We went through that training to help us understand what we were to teach. It also gives us a better knowledge of the scriptures which in turn

helps us to realize our calling.

The better we know our calling, the better our performance becomes. Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Even the Savior had to increase his skills and knowledge of his calling. After we realize our calling we then need to be teachable by the Spirit and to apply those skills and attributes. We relate how it feels to be a new missionary, full of energy, optimism, yet unclear at times how to bring souls to Christ. In the same verse in D&C 11:21 it continues, "...then if you desire, you shall have my Spirit and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men." So, as we continue on our missions it is essential that we keep the vision and be consistent in what we were taught in the training center. D&C 14:7; "And, if you keep my commandments and endure to the end you shall have eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God." May we endure well...



### HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

Staying up an extra hour at night or getting up an extra hour in the morning to study or prepare better is often self-defeating. You can slowly slip into sleep deprivation and be chronically tired. You then become more susceptible to illness. Most young adults need eight hours sleep each night.

**TAKE CARE  
OF YOU!!**



### FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

To all missionary companionships who drive cars: I sincerely appreciate your efforts to stay under mileage allotments. We gained last month and I expect to gain even more this month. Unused miles will mean increased capacity to meet special needs and deal effectively with emergencies. Thanks and Love, Elder Andrus



### CARRYING BAGS FOR MISSIONARIES

The following letter and policy was sent to us by Earl C. Tingey, Executive Director of the Missionary Department and First Quorum of the Seventy:

"Missionaries should use carrying bags suitable for a representative of the Lord" (MH, P 14) The Missionary Executive Council has approved a one-strap shoulder bag and a bicycle saddlebag for missionaries to use in their proselyting. Missionaries attending the Provo MTC have been instructed to purchase and use one of these bags in place of any other type of backpack, briefcase, or carrying case."

"Missionaries in the field are not required to incur undue expense in order to buy one of the new approved bags. However, the transition from the bags used currently to the approved carrying bags should be made as soon and as smoothly as possible."

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS





"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day. D&C 4:2

What Part of "All" Don't You Understand?  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

Our theme scripture for the month of May carries a directive for those of us who have chosen to serve Him: "...see that ye serve Him with all ..." Usually, we focus on the "heart, might, mind and strength" of the verse. But the way I read it, unless we are prepared to serve with (give) all, we will not stand blameless before God at the last day.

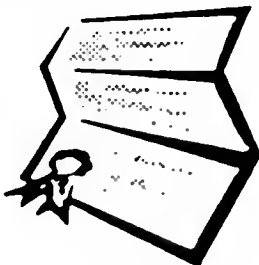
In recent interviews with all of you, I have asked you to characterize your work ethic in a word or short phrase. A few of you have said, "no regrets" in response. I like that: it means that you intend to give all you have to your calling as a missionary. You will do all within your power to bring souls to Christ - to find, teach and baptize regularly, even weekly, and to help bring souls back to Christ through focused activation efforts. It means that you will account for every hour of every day you are in the Lord's

service, and serve with honor your fellowmen (Mosiah 2:17).

I am reminded of the words of the Savior, in Matthew 10:37-38, wherein He says that if we love our fathers or mothers more than we do Him, we are not worthy of Him. Have you indeed taken up your cross and followed Him? Have you you literally lost your life in the work and thereby found your life?

Anything less than your all is not sufficient, and there will undoubtedly be some regrets when you leave serving full-time for Him. Remember, the Savior, the Lamb of God, has already given His all for you. He wasn't part-time in His efforts and we are eternally indebted to Him.

Decide now to serve Him with everything you have - your all. Sister McKinlay and I love you with all of our hearts.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

S. Araujo, J. Crosby, B. Hammond, G. Lindsay, J. Wise, M. Wolle  
Sister L. Hartley

### Certified

#### Elders:

C. Beck, J. DuPais, N. Erickson, R. Gibb, K. Hender-shot, T. Hoskins, N. Jacobs, K. Krein, M. Kunzler, J. McMullin, D. Rosa, N. San Juan, K. Shepherd, J. Storms, M.

Tracy, N. Wood

#### Sisters:

J. Cronk, H. Gleason, K. Morris, A. Willoughby, H. Young

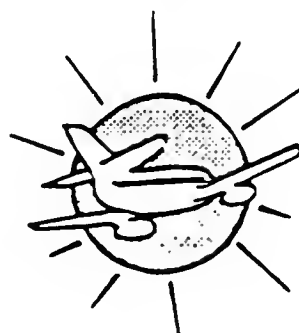
### Mastered

#### Elders:

B. Bell, B. Flanders, D. Ison, I. James, B. McMurdie, R. Navarro, M. Morales, T. Tip-petts, B. Wilde

#### Sisters:

K. Farrell, M. Nelson



## DELTA TRANSFER

DEPARTURES  
April 29, 1998

#### Elders:

Chris Beckes, Casey Bowen, Jason Chatterley, Moroni Morales, Jonathan Rhoades, Joseph Salisbury

#### Sisters:

Abbie Froerer



Michelle Nelson  
RaeAnne Wang  
Julie Ward  
April 16: J. Lundberg

ARRIVALS  
April 29, 1998

#### Elders:

Sean Colvin, Kenneth Dickey, Mark Halverson, Kael Harris, Jeffrey Oliver, Darren Royce

#### Sisters:

Allison Bowers, Michelle Compos  
April 8: Joseph Esmond

# THE MISSION VOICE

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APRIL 1998

Baptisms by Companionships  
7 Baptisms: Beck/Dupaix

4 Baptisms: Bingham/Adamson

3 Baptisms: Watts/Holbrook, Froerer/Stanger, Carlson/Wilson, Shepherd/Perez

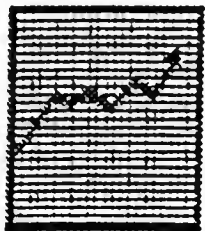
2 Baptisms: Foote/McMullin, McMurdie/Crosby, Olsen/Rosa, Morales/Hammond, Criser/Moultrie, Ward/Wuthridge, Covington/Crookston, Beckes/Hellewell, Rogers/Ketchem

1 Baptism: Hendricks/Robinson, Nelson/Stark, Gibb/Jacobs, Niceler/Hall, Bowen/Walker, Whitely/Lindsay, Storms/Zwahlen, Lough/Robinson, Black/Gardner, Lankton/Wolf, Hebert/Magnere, Flanders/Dunton, Kowallis/Denning, Mooney/Baughman, Gleason/Foster, Spackman/Sedgwick, Wood/Bobo, Theobald/Brady, Rhodes/Lemmon, Krein/Wilde, Gibb/Hall, Chatterly/Martin, Bowen/Smith, Crockett/Araujo, Young/Hartley, Salisbury/Hadfield

## MAY FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of May will be held on Sunday, May 17 at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson. Elder Andrus will present "The Book of Mormon". You must have an investigator to attend.



## MAY

5/1 SV Zone Wilcox 4:30, Benson 6:30; clean apts  
 5/2 TN Zone 12 @ N. Stk. 8-12am; TW Zone 14 @ N. Stk. 1-6pm  
 5/3 T Zone 16 @ T Stk. 2-7pm after Stake Conf.  
 5/4 MF Zone NE Dt 6 @ Hondo Pass 6-8p  
 5/5 MF Zone 16 @ Resler Stk. 7-12am; EP Zone 14 @ Sumac Stk. 1-6pm  
 5/6 RR Zone Carlsbad Dst. 6 @ Carlsbad Chapel 8-10am; 10 at RR Stk 12-3:30pm; Ruidoso 2 @ clean apts 5pm; Alamogordo 4 @ School/Church 7:30-9:30p  
 5/7 NME 8 @ Venus Stk 8-11am; NMW 6 @ Deming Chapel 1-3pm.  
 5/8 GV Zone 14 @ Safford Stk 8-12am; 4 @ St. David Chapel 2-4pm  
 5/9 SV Zone 10 @ Yaqui Stk 8-12am; 3 @ clean Rio Rico apts 2-3pm  
 5/11 TE Zone 12 @ TE Stk 8-12am; Rincon Zone 12 @ Stk 1-5pm



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus  
 Sunburn: Minimize exposure to the sun as much as possible. Apply a sunscreen (with SPF 15 or more, Shade UVA-Guard by Schering-Plough recommended by dermatologists) to exposed areas, especially at high altitudes. Apply cold packs to sunburns, take aspirin and apply moisturizing creams and lotions. Skin cancer is on the rise in the desert southwest.

**TAKE CARE OF YOU!!**



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

Elders and Sisters who drive mission cars: Some are still being penalized for late DVRs and driving over allotted miles. I never enjoy imposing penalties on anyone. Can we work together to eliminate the need for penalties? I know that we would all be happier. Thanks for doing it!

ZONE	ZONE LEADER	Apr	
		Bap	Goal
Tucson North	E. Johnson	1	11
Tucson	E. Pyles	2	13
Tucson West	E. Mooney	4	14
Tucson East	E. Bell	2	11
Tucson Rincon	E. Olsen	7	13
Sierra Vista	E. Watts/Krein	11	18
Gila Valley	E. B. Bowen	7	34
New Mexico	E. Gibb/Beckes	9	34
Roswell	Potokar	1	17
Mt. Franklin	E. Weimer	10	21
El Paso	E. Beck	13	15
TOTAL:		67	*201

\*These are the wards' baptism goals

## "Press Forward"

by the Assistants

Elders John Hadfield and Travis Olsen



Doctrine and Covenants section 4 will have a whole new meaning as we turn our theme this month to verse two "...see that you serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength" We recite this powerful section every DDM, but do we actually apply the principle of serving God with all diligence?

We sing with conviction the words, "God our strength will be: press forward ever..." in the powerful hymn *Called to Serve*. When we accept our call to serve and sing these words we commit our strength to press forward in the work of our Father in Heaven. The time we have in the mission field is time when we press forward and do more, it is not the time to enjoy the trip along the way. All of our efforts should be molded together as one in bringing souls to Christ.

President Hinckley said, "Each one of us can do a little better than we have been doing...the Church needs your strength. It needs your love and loyalty and devotion. It needs a little more of your time and energy." He gives us words of encouragement as he continues, "We can do better than we have ever done before". We, as a mission, will do better when we serve with more of our heart, might, mind and strength.

The words of our Prophet should motivate each one of us to work harder. May this be our desire: good, better, best. Never give up until our good is better and our better is best. Go to it, Elders and Sisters! We love you and the work you do.



## POLICY REGARDING CHILDREN

The brethren have asked that as missionaries you NOT hold little children on your laps. This is unfortunate, since almost all little children love missionaries and want to be held by them. There have been some legal cases arise where missionaries have been accused and convicted of child abuse/molestation. A few are now serving prison sentences for just such accusations. It is not worth the chance, remote as it may seem. Remember the mission motto: "Quiet Dignity", and you will not go wrong.

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**JESUS CHRIS**  
 OF LATTER-DAY SAINT



"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make fullproof of thy ministry." 2 Tim 4:5

# THE MISSION VOICE

"Making Full Proof of Your Ministry"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

June 1998 Vol. 23

There is much that can be said of our theme for the month. Paul wrote this epistle from Rome, where he was being held prisoner and eventually died. He was instructing Timothy, his former missionary companion, on some of his duties as a Bishop to the Ephesians.

"Watch thou in all things" helps us as modern-day ministers of the very same gospel that we need to always be aware of the adversary, and the influence he can have on us the minute we turn our attention away from the work: that staying spiritually strong is an around-the-clock concern for us if we are to prove our ministries.

To "endure afflictions" reminds us that afflictions, disappointments and others' disregard for our message are simply a part of every day life as a missionary. Certainly our afflictions pale in comparison to

those suffered by the early missionary-saints.

Doing "the work of an evangelist" suggests the importance of zeal and enthusiasm in our teaching the doctrines of the Kingdom, now, just as it was then.

To "make full proof of thy ministry" points out the necessity of serving a complete and valiant and honorable mission for Christ. Each day as we go out to proselyte, we are proving to Christ that we love him and are dedicated to his work and his work only. As your call letter said, "leaving behind all other affairs".

Sister McKinlay and I love you unfailingly.

## May Baptisms 1998 Baptisms by Companionships

6 Baptisms: Hammond/Allen  
5 Baptisms: Wilde/Harris, Lough/Herbert, Carlson/Hellewell  
4 Baptisms: Rogers/Ketchem, Navarro/Yanez, Crockett/Dickey  
3 Baptisms: Small/Erickson, Foster/Glazier, Merrills  
2 Baptisms: Adams/Denning, Mooney/Baughman, Rosa/Long, Ison/Spackman, Gantugs/Moultrie, Watts/Henderson, Bell/Aldredge, Whiteley/Lindsay, Barrus/Paskett, Hebert/Oliver, SanJuan/Webb  
1 Baptism: SanJuan/Colvin, Dupaix/Wilson, Whitely/Lindsay, Krein/Wilde, Lemmon/Jordon, Morris/Fredricks, Brinkerhoff/Mazal, Criser/Magnere, Syer/King, Wutbridge/Campos, Wells/Buckley, Toleman/Adamson, Cronk/Robinson, Webb/Zwahlen, Theobald/Brady, Covington/Crookston, Shepard/Perez, Seegmiller/Pemberton, Flanders/Royce, Carver/Archibald, Pyles/Sedgwick, Wolf/Lankton

\*Note these are baptisms; not all are confirmed yet. We are to count baptisms now that are not yet confirmed so send in the white slips ASAP. Some companionships are from previous months.

## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified Elders:

E. Dunton, S. Hall,  
M. Halverson, A.  
Kuntz, B. Niceler,  
B. Sedgewick

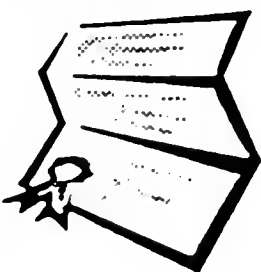
### Sisters:

A. Bowers  
L. Glazier  
D. Rubison

### Certified

#### Elders:

M. Arritt, G. Bushman, N. Despain, D. Fieldstead, J. Jones, G. Lindsay, B. Niceler, D. Orton, J. Wells, M. Wilson, M. Wollé



### Sisters:

C. Casillas,  
A. LeFevre,  
E. Smith

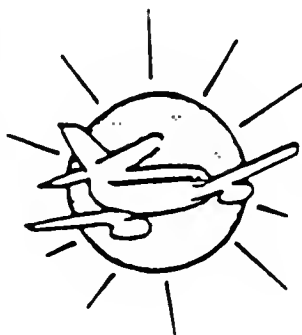
### Mastered

#### Elders:

J. Barrus, J. Foote,  
D. Johnson, J. Hall,  
J. Kowalis, B. Niceler, Shear, S. Smith, S. Theobald, T. Weimer

### Sisters:

S. Ketcham  
M. Rogers



## DELTA TRANSFER DEPARTURES

May 27, 1998

### Elders:

Bryan Bell  
Justin Baughman  
Robert Christensen  
Robert Gardner  
Brian McMurdie  
John Tippetts  
Brandon Wilde

### Sister:

Laura Noble



### Medical Leave 5/26

Stephen Brinkerhoff

### Departures:

W. Buckley 5/14/98

J. Wise 5/19/98

### ARRIVALS

May 27, 1998

### Elders:

Jeffrey Ballif  
Kyle Hall  
Tyler Johnson  
Zacharius Smallwood  
Richard Teasdale  
Jason Walker

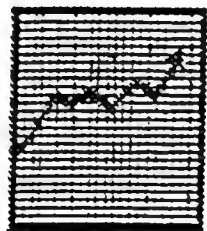
### Sisters:

Rachel Contreras  
Melissa Luben  
Heidi Stanger

## JUNE FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of June will be held on Sunday, June 21 at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson. Elder Andrus will present "Overview of the Church". You must have an investigator to attend.



JUNE



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus  
For good health and nutrition, it's important to eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. At this time of year fresh fruits and vegetables are plentiful and more inexpensive. Keep carrots, bananas, grapes, cantaloupe, apples, and oranges in your apartment to snack on, rather than chips/candy. You are also encouraged to take a daily multiple vitamin supplement.

**TAKE CARE OF YOU!!**

## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

I love the car I drive.

So, I shall always strive

Never to misuse or abuse, Or I'll sing the blues

With my shoes.



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New Mexico	E. Gibb/Carlson	12	34
Roswell	Potokar	1	17
Mt. Franklin	E. Weimer/ Rodriguez	19	21
El Paso	E. Beck	12	15
TOTAL:		86	*201

\*These are the wards' baptism goals

15 Minute Interviews  
5/30 Mt. Franklin  
5/31 Mt. Franklin/El Paso  
6/1 Carlsbad, Artesia, Roswell, Ruidoso  
6/2 NM East: Deming, Silver City  
6/3 Safford, Willcox, Benson  
6/4 Tucson North  
6/6 Sierra Vista, Bisbee  
6/7-8 Alamogordo Open House & Interviews  
6/10 Tucson West, Tucson  
6/11 Rincon, Tucson East  
ZONE CONFERENCES  
Elder Angel Abrea  
6/13 Tucson, Tucson North  
Tucson West 11-2 pm  
Tucson East, Rincon  
3-6 pm ZC  
6/15 Willcox ZC, 8-12  
6/16 El Paso, Mt. Franklin  
Roswell at El Paso  
New Mex 8-12 pm ZC  
6/14 Mt. Franklin St Conf  
6/28 Duncan St Conf



## "Make Full Proof"

by the Assistants

Elders John Hadfield and Travis Olsen

In past months, this section has focused on such things as endurance, rebirth and believing in the resurrection. This month our focus turns to another important aspect of the gospel, "Making Full Proof" (2 Tim 4:5). We need to look at the initial excitement of our missions and the newness of our calling and the responsibility the Lord gave us. It started when we signed our names to that paper saying, "I will serve". King Benjamin said, "And now, because of the covenant which ye have made ye shall be called the children of Christ, his sons, and his daughters...: 'take upon you the name of Christ, all you that have entered into the covenant with God that ye should be obedient unto the end of your lives'" (Mosiah 5:7-8). In essence we said, "I want to serve as the Savior did."

As we serve our missions, some of that 'newness' and excitement may have worn off. It may continue to the point where we are classified as "slothful servants". Alma 57:27 reads, "Now this was the faith of

these of whom I have spoken; they are young, and their minds are firm, and they do put their trust in God continually." The Lord commands us, just as he commanded the stripling warriors, "Stand firm in all we do", avoid slothfulness.

Now, we all understand serving a mission is not easy. The reason is found in 2 Cor 2:9, "For to this end also did I write, that I might know the *proof* of you whether I might know the proof of you whether ye be obedient in *all* things." We are instructed simply to see what we can do with the instruction given. As Elder Angel Abrea tours the mission, our prayer is that we may heed the instruction and training he is to give us.

As missionaries we are called to *fulfill* our ministry, to dedicate our lives, and to serve the Lord. We are here to stand as a *proof* of the Savior, to endure the trials that face us, and to come off conquerors! Elders and Sisters, we love



## EXERCISE

"Let the body work with the mind, and let them both labor fairly together.", Brigham Young. DBY

We need to be physically fit so we can successfully perform our labors. The Missionary Health Manual reminds us that physical fitness is a balance between endurance, proper weight control, strength, and flexibility. Our fitness efforts in the mission field should keep us physically capable to do the Lord's work. This means we should be having regular exercise. It will increase our confidence, self esteem and make us more alert mentally, socially, and spiritually.

Get up 30 minutes early Monday - Saturday and exercise!!

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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS





# THE MISSION VOICE

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev 14:6

"How Much Light is Enough?"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

July 1998 Vol. 24

When John saw "another angel flying..." he saw the dawning of a new day; a brighter, lighter day, the ushering in of the dispensation of the fullness of times - our dispensation, our time.

What a privilege it is to be on the earth at a time when the fullness of the gospel is here, with all of its attendant light, revelation, principles and ordinances. Indeed, all of the principles and ordinances that have ever been committed unto man are on the earth now.

As missionaries, we have been divinely commissioned to function under the light of the restoration. There should not be a happier, more enlightened and enthusiastic group in all the world than right here in the Arizona Tucson Mission - the greatest mission on earth, and a

mission full of light.

But with more light and understanding comes more responsibility and accountability (see D&C 82:3). In fact, the Prophet Joseph has said that, "...he that will not receive the greater light, must have taken away from him all the light which he hath..." (TPJS, page 95).

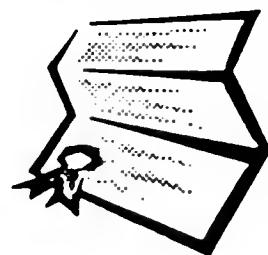
Let us function according to our divine commission to find, teach and baptize, spreading the light of the restored gospel to all who will listen; and let us move ever forward under His light until we ourselves are filled with light and truth, having reached "the perfect day" (D&C 50:24). Perhaps then, we will have light enough and to spare.

Sister McKinlay and I love you nigh unto death.

## June (up to 6/22) Baptisms 1998

### Baptisms by Companionships

8 Baptisms: Adams/Denning, Cronk/Robinson  
7 Baptisms: Webb/Zwahlen  
3 Baptisms: Pyles/Sedgwick, Ketcham/Bowers  
2 Baptisms: Fieldsted/Storms, Foote/McMullin, Weston/Crosby, Rosa/Long, Brady/Halverson, Wells/Erickson, Mazal/Gardner/Potokar, Crockett/Dickey, Johnson/Dunton, Gantugs/Cahan, Niceler/Smallwood, Durfee/Topping, Kowallis/Powell, San Juan/Colvin, Flanders/Royce, Povey/Perez  
1 Baptism: Wolf/Ballif, Barrus/Paskett, Lough/Herbert, Mickelsen/Arritt, Esmond/Goff, Shields/Cojan, Bradshaw/Araujo, Wood/Allen, Shepherd/King, Weimer/Rodriguez, Hall/Orton, Small/Walker, Bushman/Shear, Theobald/Hammond, Foster/Glazier, Kunzler/Martin, Beck/



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

B Archubald  
J. Oliver  
S. Colvin

#### Sisters:

G. Morgan

### Certified

#### Elders:

B. Alldredge  
A. Cahan  
R. Gardner  
D. Jordan  
B. Lemmon  
E. Magnere  
C. Richards

M. Topping  
R. Weston

#### Sisters:

K. Frederick  
B. Stark

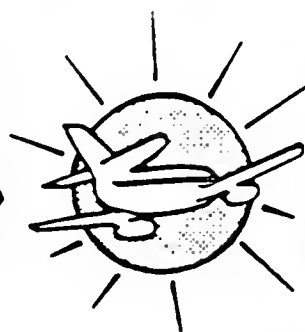
### Mastered

#### Elders:

T. Hoskins  
J. Jones  
W. Kunzler  
G. Lindsay  
Don Mooney

#### Sisters:

D. Zelechowski



## DELTA TRANSFER DEPARTURES June 24, 1998

#### Elders:

Joel Adamson, Shawn Durfee, Joseph Esmond, John Foote, Kryst Krein, Garry McLean, Casey Mickelsen, Brock Niceler, Corby Richards, Travis Weimer

#### Sisters:

Brenda Hendricks  
Denise Zelechowski



July 10, 1998  
John Hadfield  
Medical Release 6/12  
Stephen Brinkerhoff

## ARRIVALS

June 24, 1998

#### Elders:

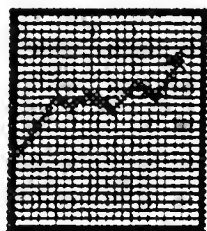
Barton Call, Derek Comstock, Casey Corrington, Clayton Foster, Wayne Kitchen, Daniel Openshaw, Stephen Phillips, Thomas Priddis, Joshua Wilson  
Sisters:  
Emilee Dansie

## JULY FIRESIDE



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## JULY ZONE CONFERENCES

6/29 Gila Valley  
6/30 Sierra Vista  
7/6 Tucson  
7/7 Tucson W & N  
7/8 Tucson East  
7/9 Rincon  
7/13 NM at Demming  
7/14 Alamogordo Day  
7/15 Roswell  
7/16 Mt. Franklin  
7/17 El Paso

## JUNE/JULY STAKE/DISTRICT CONFERENCES

6/27 Duncan Stake  
7/26 Alamogordo



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

You are more likely to stay healthy if you have clean living quarters and limit the numbers of disease-carrying insects that tend to thrive in unclean places. (1) Dust regularly so air-borne bacteria cannot hitch rides on dust particles floating around the room; (2) Sanitize kitchen and bathroom areas weekly, using a commercial disinfectant. (3) Wash dishes and drinking glasses daily in hot soapy water and store in enclosed cupboards. Get rid of unwanted bacteria!

## TAKE CARE OF YOU!!



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

**Missionaries:**  
We have, in the Mission storage room, three bikes. We do not know to whom these belong. If you have a bike in storage, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Elder Andrus



## Counsel from Elder Angel Abrea

During Elder Angel Abrea's recent visit to the Arizona Tucson Mission, he counseled us strongly to be led by the Spirit and to strengthen our testimonies through personal study, prayer, and conversion.

"You need to be led by the spirit not knowing why Pres. McKinlay gives you an assignment; don't ask him for details; be obedient, be prepared and be led by the Spirit. Why are you on a mission? To bring souls to Christ through baptism. There is no other way to bring souls to Christ than to baptize. Are you converted? Conversion is a life long process and goes beyond the veil."

"I believe in the simplicity of the Gospel. Don't try to complicate issues - no excuses - do what you have to do to have the Spirit. Revelation is for each one of us to tell us what to do. You need to increase your personal righteousness. You are doing very well. You can do better. You know that."

He said "to develop faith you must do what you have to do. You must be obedient, have a soft heart and you must be meek." He encouraged, "your job is to testify to everyone on the way and to qualify yourself to do so."

In El Paso he asked us to raise our hands if we had prayed that morning with our companions, studied personally and with our companions. He said we must pay the price - to increase our spirituality. We need to understand "the why" and not so much the "how". We need to communicate with the Spirit. Elder Abrea promised us baptisms will come if we are in tune with the Spirit, become spiritually converted ourselves and boldly testify.

ZONE	ZONE LEADER	JUNE	
		Bap	Goal
Tucson North	E. Watts	8	11
Tucson	E. Pyles	4	13
Tucson West	E. Mooney	14	14
Tucson East	E. Henderson	7	11
Tucson Rincon	E. B. Bowen	6	13
Sierra Vista	E. Krein	3	18
Gila Valley	E. Kowalis	10	34
New Mexico	E. Gibb/Carlson	4	34
Roswell	Potokar	2	17
Mt. Franklin	E. Weimer/ Rodriguez	12	21
El Paso	E. Beck	9	15
**TOTAL:		79	*201

\*\*Total is only up to 6/22

\*These are the wards' baptism goals

## "Preach On"

by the Assistants

Elders John Hadfield, Travis Olsen & Bryan Flanders

We have all met preachers and pastors of "different sects". We meet them through tracting, street contacting or through media referrals. What separates their "preaching" from our "preaching"? Our theme this month is Rev 14:6. The scripture teaches us of an angel that was sent to preach the everlasting gospel to the earthly inhabitants. The angel preaches specifically about fearing God in order to bring God complete glory. We know that the everlasting gospel was given to Joseph Smith from the angel Moroni. Elders and Sisters, we are soldiers - men and women called of God to PREACH. Remember "preaching" is an action word. If we do not preach the gospel that the Lord has restored, who will? Our position is very important. We do not preach for profit, we do not preach for personal or social gain or for the praise of the world.

As God's chosen 'preachers' we must not foster the spirit of Babylon, we must

eliminate that spirit from us. Are we "laborers worth (our) hire"? D&C 31:5. We must be prepared to thrust in our sharp sickles as Christ, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth.

We are here because we know the Book of Mormon is true. The Book of Mormon is our keystone. It came before the priesthood, before temples, or before any type of "organization". The Book of Mormon is that very record which the angel Moroni brought to Joseph Smith; it was the gospel within that record that John wrote of "flying in the midst of heaven".

Once again, as God's chosen 'preacher', we must not foster the spirit of Babylon. Elder Woodruff has said, "It has been laid upon our shoulders. We need no flamboyancy because we have our testimonies. We just need to 'PREACH ON'!!"





# THE MISSION VOICE

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." ...Matt 7:21-23

"We Must Come To Know Him"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

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Our theme scripture for this month is explicit in two ways:

(1) Because we have called on his name, and perhaps even done many wonderful works in his name, does not mean that we are his, and that he will open up to us and:

(2) We must come to know him by doing his will, even the will of the Father, for anything less is the work of iniquity.

I believe the point the Savior is making here is that our motives in serving others must be absolutely pure and in harmony with the will of the Father if we are to expect the Savior to know and recognize us at that last day.

We err if we think of the judgement only as some final pronouncement that will tell us of our eternal state. The fact is that we will know long before that day which kingdom we have been assigned to, for we are preparing our bodies and spirits even now, today, to

abide either a Celestial, Terrestrial or Telestial glory.

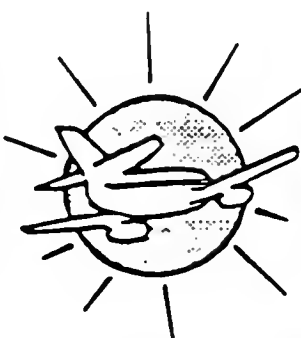
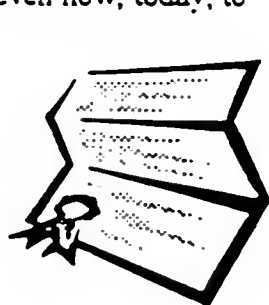
There are many partial or interim "days of judgement" along the way to help us prepare: Temple recommend interviews, whether or not we enjoy the spirit in our work, the judgement of the good versus evil spirits at the time of death (see Alma 41), the second coming, the kind of body we inherit in the resurrections, and so forth; even the two different parts to the judgement itself: 1) The "performance test", or the works/justice portion of the judgement, and 2) the "heart exam", or the desire/mercy portion of the judgement.

May you know him well and be judged worthy on all counts, especially as you return and report on each day of your mission.

Sister McKinlay and I love you metric tons.

## July Baptisms 1998 Baptisms by Companionships

6 Baptisms: Wilson/Johnson  
4 Baptisms: Dupaix/Hall  
3 Baptisms: Carver/Call, Stark/Gleason/Crookston, West/Dunton, Carlson/Hellewell, Smith/Stanger, Cronk/Bowers  
2 Baptisms: Watts/Johnson, Young/Willoughby, Brady/Halverson, Lindsay/Stanger, Gantugs/Cahan, Johnson/Frid-dis, Shepherd/King, Rodriguez/Webb  
1 Baptism: Tolman/Zwahlen, Covington/Ragland, Adams/Denning, Whiteley/Wilson, Mooney/Hall, Potokar/Sedgewick, Prestwich/Morgan, Seeg-miller/Moultrie, Farrell/Contreras, Hadfield/Olsen/Flanders, Shields/Co-jan, Rosa/Smallwood, Henderson/All-dredge, Tracy/Goff, Rowley/Teasdale, Kunzler/Phillips, Black/Lee, Jordan/Lemmon, Theobald/Hammond, Wells/Ericksen, Lough/Herbert, Kowallis/Powell, Hartley/Luben, Wolf/Ballif, Navarro/Oliver, Small/Walker, Bagley/Openshaw, Hadley/Paskett, SanJuan/Colvin, Wuthridge/Campos, Bradshaw/Araujo, Despain/Magnere, Povey/Perez, Styer/Archibald, Styer/Archibald, Beck/Hendershot



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified Elders:

K. Hall  
D. Royce

### Sisters:

M. Compos  
R. Contreras

### Certified Elders:

R. Hadley  
M. Halverson  
A. King

D. Webb  
K. Whiteley  
P. Wolf

### Mastered Elders:

B. Bradshaw  
R. Tolman  
J. Wells  
M. Wolle

### Sister:

E. Covington

## DELTA TRANSFER DEPARTURES July 29, 1998

### Elders:

Jesse Barrus  
David Black  
Duane Johnson  
Mont Kunzler  
Shane Theobald

### Sisters:

Blythe Lindsey  
Jenifer Prestwich

### Departure

July 17, 1998  
Elder D. Royce

## ARRIVALS July 29, 1998

### Elders:

Aaron Averett  
Nathan Boden  
Earl Christison  
Joseph Conlin  
Jonathan Harris  
Mark Higbee  
Carl Johnson  
Rolla Joyce  
Nathan Looch  
Benjamin Marriott  
Steven Meadows  
Shawn Stahl  
Nathan Strong  
Benjamin Taylor  
Brian Taylor

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## AUGUST DOCTRINAL TRAINING AND INTERVIEWS



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

### ZONE

### ZONE LEADER

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8/1 Benson  
8/2 Sierra Vista,  
Gila Valley  
8/3 Duncan, Silver City  
8/4 Deming, Las Cruces  
8/5 Alamogordo  
8/6 Roswell, Carlsbad,  
Hobbs  
8/7 Mt. Franklin  
8/8 El Paso  
8/10 Tucson West  
8/11 Tucson East  
8/12 Rincon  
8/13 Tucson  
8/14 Tucson North

A walking program can: "relieve back pain; "relieve stress; "help you fight off colds and other illnesses; "increase your energy; "improve your mood; "help you lose weight as you burn calories; "help prevent osteoporosis. Do you need any more reasons to get out there and start walking today?

Preventable car accidents in the ATM must cease. They result from inattentive driving. Please be more attentive. Let's make President and Sister McKinlay's last year in this mission memorable by eliminating preventable accidents.

Thanks,  
Elder Andrus



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## "Successfully Doing His Will..."

by the Assistants

Elders and Travis Olsen and Bryan Flanders

The theme scripture Matthew 7:21-23 leads us to evaluate ourselves and our performance, and causes us to ask, (1) Where are we in the Lord's sight?; and (2) Do we do things out of love and respect for the Lord and our calling?

We would like to share with you success stories of the following missionaries who are striving to serve through love and respect for the Lord.

Elders Bagley and Holbrook, busy at work, went to Muleshoe, TX and in one day taught 15 finding discussions, 10 sit down discussions to investigators, and had one quick dinner appointment ending with a spirit-filled member discussion. This example shows a true sense of urgency for the work and love for the Lord.

Elders Seegmiller and Moultrie, in the Sonora Ward, recently baptized an investigator of two years who kept postponing baptism and who constantly came up with excuses. Elder Moultrie said, "We told him there are no excuses and showed him we cared." That is being bold and showing love. Since that time, the investigator was baptized and received the Aaronic Priesthood.

Elders Johnson and Priddis in the El Paso University Ward, recently baptized a young man. He was found by Elder Dunton opening his mouth in the parking lot of the Institute building, and there set up an appointment. During the first discussion

the young man said, "I have never felt the spirit like this before." Through prayer and constant teaching this young man changed his whole life style and was baptized three weeks later. Another side note on the story is the month that Elders Johnson and Dunton found this young man, they taught 336 finding discussions, that's an average of 34 a week. The scripture D&C 13:15-16 was felt, "How great shall be your joy."

Elders Whiteley and Wilson in the Thornydale Ward, recently baptized a part member family. The neat thing about this success is that a couple of months ago this young man's father was reactivated by Elders Harrison and Kuntz. The Elders had worked with the Father and one Sunday he said he wanted his son to be baptized, and two weeks later he was able to baptize his own son.

Elders and Sisters, we, as the Assistants, feel that we are in a great Mission serving with those fit to enter the Father's Kingdom. A common theme behind all of these success experiences is love for the Lord and for the people we serve. Let's spend more time getting to know the Lord through study and prayer and make our works glorify the Father.

## VISION STATEMENTS

Responding to our "vision" training, we would like to share our vision statements with you:

"I see missionaries who have developed confidence and self-worth by comprehending their divine parentage, understanding gospel doctrines and appreciating their individual, prophetic call to serve; who are fully committed, focused and have qualified themselves before the Lord through strict obedience and hard work; who are urgently and daily building the Kingdom through the process of Conversion, Retention and Activation, who are literally guided by the spirit in all things; who have earned and hold sacred the trust of members, who have a true sense of ownership and responsibility to their companions and their assigned areas; who love the work of the Lord; who serve with the highest integrity and honor; who do all in their power to bring souls to Christ through the waters of baptism each week; and who are spiritually prepared to assume their future roles as successful fathers, mothers, Church leaders and citizens."

President McKinlay

"I see the missionaries of the Arizona Tucson Mission coming unto Christ with broken hearts and contrite spirits whilst bringing others unto Christ through the same process." D&C 97:8

Sister McKinlay

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST



"And now as I said concerning faith - faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if you have faith ye hope for things which are not seen, which are true." Alma 32:21

"Have Faith That You Will Baptize"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

# THE MISSION VOICE

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I have heard that some missionaries really don't expect to baptize regularly, even though they came out of the MTC with faith and a vision of themselves finding, teaching and baptizing. Somewhere along the way, their faith was lessened by hearing talk like, "this is a hard area", or "this is a dead ward", or "they haven't baptized here for months", seeming to justify in advance a long period without baptizing. These remarks and others like them suggest little or no faith, either in themselves or the Lord, to positively affect the work.

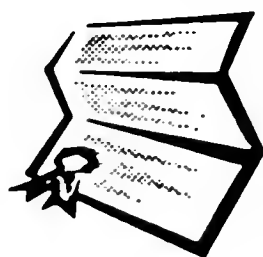
Alma teaches us that to have faith means to hope for things we cannot see, or at least have not yet seen. I see a direct correlation here when it comes to finding, teaching and baptizing. Rarely have we actually "seen" someone in advance of our finding, teaching and baptizing them. But, they surely are there, somewhere, waiting for the pro-

cess to begin, waiting for a missionary with sufficient faith to find them.

President Mickelsen has said that one per cent of any given population is always ready for the gospel; our charge as missionaries is to find them or "see" them by adding works to our faith (see James 2:17-20). Then having once found them, to see them as active members of the true Church of Christ, and to visualize them in white, kneeling at the alters of a latter-day Temple. Do you hope for investigators you cannot yet see? Do you have faith to find them?

Let us not be faithless, but be believing. Then we will bring many, many souls to Christ.

Sister McKinlay and I love you eternally, unconditionally.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

J. Ballif  
J. Denning  
M. Perez  
J. Wilson

#### Sisters:

M. Luben  
H. Stanger  
T. Stanger

### Certified

#### Elders:

B. Criser  
N. Crockett  
E. Dunton

J. Herbert

W. Holbrook

A. Kuntz

M. Small

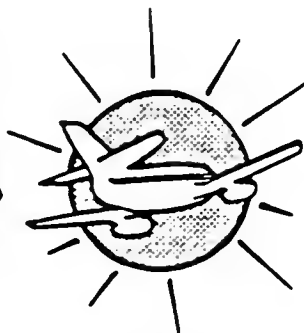
### Mastered

#### Elders:

S. Carlson  
L. Gantugs  
M. Halverson  
N. Jacobs  
B. Powell  
N. San Juan  
J. West

#### Sisters:

J. Cronk  
H. Gleason  
K. Morris



## DELTA TRANSFER DEPARTURES

August 26, 1998

#### Elders:

Alan Bagley  
Spencer Bingham  
Jason Carver  
Jared Crosby  
Bryan Flanders  
Tyson Hoskins  
Brandon Powell  
Kelly Spackman  
William Wells

#### Sisters:

Hiedi Gleason  
Amy Willoughby  
Medical Release:  
7/21/98

Sister Christina Lundberg



8/12/98

Elder Jason Pyles

## ARRIVALS

August 07, 1998

Elder Jonathan Robins

August 11, 1998

Elder Jared Kidman

August 19, 1998

Elders: Spencer Purves

Benjamin Walworth

August 26, 1998

#### Elders:

Kevin Conroy  
Douglas Cuevas  
Thomas Egan  
Michael Ferguson  
Ryan Hales  
Hyrum Henderson  
Logan Laszczyk  
Todd Petersen  
Shane Rice  
Dustin Whittaker

## August Baptism Report

<u>Tucson North Goal 11</u>	<u>Actual 4</u>	0
Z.L. Walls, Averett		0
D.L. Hoskins, Harris		0
Rogers, Morris		0
D.L. James, Foster		0
Covington, Ragland		0
Tolman, Higbee		0
<u>Tucson West Goal 14</u>	<u>Actual 6</u>	2
Z.L. Whiteley, Hall		1
D.L. Criser, Johnson		0
Adams, Newcomer		1
Fieldsted, Cornington		0
D.L. Weston, Crosby		1
Lankton, Wilson, Martin		2
<u>Tucson Goal 13</u>	<u>Actual 5</u>	1
A.P. Olsen, Flanders		0
Z.L. Seegmiller, Deming, Robins		0
D.L. Cahan, Zwalhen		0
Sedgwick, Kitchen		0
D.L. Hebert, Moltne		1
Young, Willoughby		0
Stotts		1
Farrell, Contreras		2
<u>Tucson East Goal 11</u>	<u>Actual 0</u>	0
Z.L. Henderson, Strong		0
D.L. Rosa, Smallwood		0
Tracy, Goff		0
Aldredge, Rignup		0
D.L. Harrison, Bingham		0
Larned, Jones		0
Shields, Crookston		0
<u>Tucson Rincon Goal 13</u>	<u>Actual 3</u>	0
Z.L. Bowen, Jacobs		0
D.L. Walker, Lee		0
Long, Arnt		1
D.L. Wolf, Phillips		1
Gibb, Teasdale		0
Foster, Dansie		0
D.L. Brady, Halverson, Harris		1
<u>Sierra Vista Goal 18</u>	<u>Actual 11</u>	2
Z.L. Crockett, Conlin		1
D.L. Wells, Robinson		1
Gardner, Jordan		2
D.L. San Juan, Hammond		2
Spackman, Hall		0
D.L. Lough, Call		3
Leifer, Glazier		0
Isom, Stahl		1
Merrill, Merrill		0

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## JULY FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of Sept. will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson.

Elder Andrus will present "The Restoration". Last month it was packed! You must have an investigator to attend.

<u>Gila Valley Goal 24</u>	<u>Actual 9</u>	
Z.L. Kowallis, Lemmon		0
D.L. Johnson, Taylor		0
Stark, Cojan		2
D.L. Powell, Dunton		1
West, Marnott		3
Gleason, Campos, Morgan		3
D.L. Erickson, Joyce		0
Herbert, Looch		1
<u>New Mexico Goal 24</u>	<u>Actual 11</u>	
Z.L. Mooney, Hadley		1
D.L. Dupart, Wolle		0
Allen, King		3
D.L. Bushman, Comstock		1
Stanger, Robinson		1
Shear, Walker		2
Z.L. Carlson, Yanez		0
Navarro, Oliver		3
D.L. Storms, Ballif		0
Hartley, Luben		0
<u>Roswell Goal 17</u>	<u>Actual 8</u>	
Z.L. Jenkins, Topping		0
D.L. Mazal, Christison		1
Smith, Stanger		1
D.L. Small, Paskett		3
Casillas, Ketcham		0
D.L. Bagley, Openshaw		0
Hobbrook, Kuntz		1
<u>Mt. Franklin Goal 21</u>	<u>Actual 7</u>	
Z.L. Rodriguez, Webb		0
D.L. Shepherd, Boden		0
Orion, Araujo		0
Bradshaw, Meadows		2
Wuthrich, Frederick		1
D.L. Rowley, Piddis		1
Hall, Hellewell		0
Wood, Magnere		0
D.L. Potokar, Despain		2
Archibald, Colvin		1
Carver, Dickey		0
<u>El Paso Goal 15</u>	<u>Actual 3</u>	
Z.L. Beck, Jobrack		0
D.L. Hendershot, Taylor		0
Lindsay, Kay		0
Cronk, Bowers		0
D.L. Syer, Bobo		0
Povey, Perez		2
D.L. Wilson, Johnson		1
Pemberton, McVullin		0

Mission Total Goal - 201  
Total - 67

#### Golden Families

Lough Call Cooks  
Navarro/Oliver Fraires  
Potokar/Despain Holbrooks



## SEPTEMBER

**Regional Conference**  
9/13 SV, St. David,  
5 Stakes in Tucson

**Stake Conference**  
9/13 Roswell (GA)  
9/20 El Paso (St Pres)

**Zone Conferences**  
9/01 SV & GV@Wil  
9/02 New Mex @ LC  
9/03 Roswell  
9/04 El Paso & Mt.  
Franklin @ Sumac  
9/08 Rincon & Tucson  
East @ TE St. C.  
9/09 Tucson  
9/10 TN & TW @ TN



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

Keeping your teeth and gums healthy consists of brushing, flossing, swishing, and oral hygiene. Brush after meals, or at least twice a day. Floss twice a day. Drink water after snacks and after drinking soft drinks. Have your teeth cleaned by a hygienist or dentist at least once a year!

**TAKE CARE  
OF YOU!**  
Brush and Floss  
Twice a Day



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

In your morning prayers, will you ask God to help you exercise wisdom and caution in driving and biking for that day? Such a request will not only invite God's help, but will focus your minds on driving and biking safely for that day. Perhaps it will help reduce accidents. Thanks.

**DRIVE AND BIKE  
SAFELY!**



## "Believe in Yourself..."

by the Assistants

Elder Travis Olsen and Elder Augustin Rodriguez

Where doubt and uncertainty are, there faith is not, nor can it be. Doubt and faith do not exist in us at the same time. When we have doubts and fears we are not confident and our faith is weak. "Doubt not but be believing." This quote from the Prophet Joseph helps us understand the point (D&C 12:8).

We look to the Las Cruces 3rd Ward and to Elders Allen and King. For the month of August their District set a goal to baptize more than three people (a district record). Through their faith and using their area book, they found an old investigator. They knocked on her door and invited her to be baptized on the first contact (Romans 5:5). She was baptized just days later! Elders Allen and King have brought three souls into the church so far this month.

Another real experience in our mission about the power of faith: Sisters Shields and Morgan (Marana Ward) were tracting (D&C 6:19). They gave a man a Book of

Mormon, but the man simply said, "I'm not interested". So, the Sisters continued to tract in the neighborhood. About 30 minutes later the daughters of this man were sent to retrieve the Sisters and to return and teach the family. After being taught by several sets of Sisters, he was baptized by Sisters Covington and Ragland. He has read the entire Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants and the family is now being taught by Sisters Covington and Ragland.

We hope these stories illustrate that as we overcome doubt and fear our faith increases. "Believing in, or loving oneself is a key to beginning in, or loving God, life (our Missions), and others". To fulfill the promise given in Alma 26:22, we must believe in ourselves. To stand at the final testimony meeting and to be able to say, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith!" (1 Peter 3:15)

We love you and pray for each of you.

## White Glove/Charger Inspection

A note of thanks to all of you who worked hard for dust-buster day and inspection throughout the mission. It is easy to see many have stepped up in taking their stewardship seriously in apartment cleanliness and maintenance.

Sister McKinlay will continue to spot check apartments on her white charger with her white gloves during mission tours! District Leaders and Zone Leaders and Apt. Coordinators will continue to check apartments on a regular basis. It feels good to be clean. Let's remember, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" and helps us to have the Spirit.

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS





"Yea, he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and prayeth continually without ceasing - unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed; yea, and it shall be given unto such to bring thousands of souls to repentance, even as it has been given unto us to bring these our brethren to repentance. Alma 26:22"

# "You Are a Vessel of the Lord" by President Douglas R. McKinlay

The Lord said, "And go ye out from among the wicked. Save yourselves. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord..."(See D&C 38:42). Essentially, He is telling us to repent, to cleanse ourselves from all unrighteousness. When we are clean and exercise faith, we are in a position to receive the "Miracle of Ammon", knowing the mysteries of God and bringing thousands of souls unto repentance.

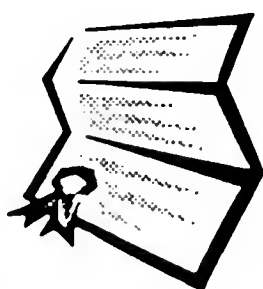
President Spencer W. Kimball said: "Don't you think that it is possible to convert whole congregations now as it was done one hundred years ago in England? Have we just baited the hook for the little fish...or are we going out with the net and bringing in so many that we will capsize our boats as did Peter? If you just completely accept this as an obsession and keep immersed in this work...you can contact so many people, and...the time will come when

ministers will come in with their congregations to join the Church."

Last month we talked about generating greater faith; this month we are focusing on repentance - our own repentance and that of our investigators.

These two principles are the means to the end of the ordinances of baptism and receiving the Holy Ghost (see D&C 37:7). Baptism into the Church is the means to the end of Temple Covenants. When you are a clean vessel and exercise sufficient faith, you will see through the eyes of faith your investigators dressed in white, ready for baptism and the ordinances of the Temple. You will see entire families, even congregations prepared and coming into the Church in fulfillment of the words of the prophets.

Please know this, that Sister McKinlay and I love you with an exceedingly great love, even a love that hath no end.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

C. Foster  
K. Harris  
J. Lee  
N. Strong  
Benja. Taylor

#### Sister:

E. Dansie

### Certified

#### Elders:

J. Oliver  
J. Robinson

#### Sister:

N. Crookston

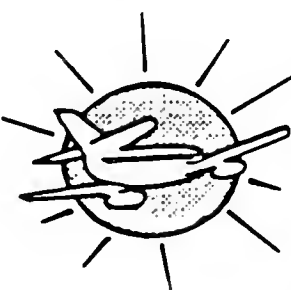
### Mastered

#### Elders:

B. Harrison  
E. Magnere  
M. Tracy

#### Sisters:

K. Frederick



## DELTA TRANSFER DEPARTURES

September 23, 1998

#### Elders:

Matthew Arritt  
Branden Harrison  
Dan Larned  
Markus Long  
Hollis Martin  
Don Mooney  
Darin Orton  
Nathan Wood

#### Sisters:

Krista Farrell  
Larisa Glazier



## ARRIVALS

September 23, 1998

#### Elders:

Nathan Bailey  
Colin Barrett  
William Betz  
Ryan Curley  
Christopher Escobedo  
Jaren Johnson  
Andrew Jorgensen  
Matthew Mortensen  
Michael Ong  
Jason Roundy  
David Santos  
Alec Watkins

#### Sisters:

Camilla Allen  
Natalie Knowlton  
Patricia Zuniga

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## September Baptism Report

Tucson North Goal 11	Actual 2
Z.L. Walts, Averett	2
D.L. Moultrie, Harris	0
Morris, Glazier	0
D.L. Tolman, Higbee	0
Covington, Ragland	1
Tracy, Foster	0
Tucson West Goal 14	Actual 2
Z.L. Whiteley, Petersen	0
D.L. Criser, Johnson	2
Adams, Rice	0
Mazal, Corrington	0
D.L. Weston, Smallwood	0
Lankton, Long	0
Tucson Goal 13	Actual 1
A.P. Olsen, Jordan	0
A.P. Rodriguez, Denning	0
Z.L. Seegmiller, Hebert	0
Young, Bowers	0
Stotts	0
Farrell, Wuthridge	1
D.L. Caham, Zwahlen	0
Sedgwick, Teasdale	0
Tucson East Goal 11	Actual 7
Z.L. Henderson, Strong	2
D.L. Rosa, Conroy	2
Goff, Kidman	0
Allredge, Rignup	0
D.L. Harrison, Hales	1
Larned, Jones	1
Stanger, Crookston	1
Pridis, Christison	0
Tucson Rincon Goal 13	Actual 5
Z.L. Bradshaw, Wilson	0
D.L. Walker, Robins	0
Jacobs, Arritt	0
D.L. Wolf, Araujo	3
Gibb, Lemmon	0
Stark, Dansie	0
D.L. Brady, Walworth	2
Sierra Vista Goal 18	Actual 3
Z.L. Crockett, Conlin	0
D.L. Herbert, Robinson	0
Gardner, Call	0
D.L. Hammond, Colvin	0
Lee, Hall	0
D.L. Lough, Oliver	3
Smyer, Comstock	0
Smith, Stahl	0
Merrills	0

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## OCTOBER FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of Oct. will be held on Sunday, Oct 18, at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson.

Elder Andrus will present "Repentance". Last month it was packed! You must have an investigator to attend.

<u>Gila Valley Goal 34</u>	<u>Actual 11</u>	
Z.L. Nowallis Fieldsted		1
D.L. Johnson, Taylor		3
Cojan, Luben		0
D.L. West, Marmott		0
Morgan, Campos		0
Dunton, Henderson		0
D.L. Erickson, Joyce		0
Martin, Looock		0
<u>New Mexico Goal 34</u>	<u>Actual 12</u>	
Z.L. Mooney, Hadley		1
D.L. Dupaux, Perez		3
King, Harris		0
D.L. Bushman, Pnddis		0
Foster, Robinson		0
Shear, Ballif		0
Z.L. San Juan, Yanez		1
Navarro, Pemberton		4
D.L. Storms, Walker		0
Smith, Hartley		1
<u>Roswell Goal 17</u>	<u>Actual 2</u>	
Z.L. Gantugs, Topping		0
D.L. Allen, Christison		0
Smith, Stanger		0
D.L. Small, Paskett		0
Casillas, Shields		1
D.L. James, Openshaw		0
Kunze, Wolfe		1
<u>Mt Franklin Goal 21</u>	<u>Actual 5</u>	
Z.L. Beck, Shepherd		1
D.L. Webb, Boden		1
Orion, Phillips		0
Hall, Meadows		1
Frederick, Contreras		1
D.L. Rowley, Whittaker		0
Hall, Hellewell		1
Wood, Cuevas		0
D.L. Potokar, Ferguson		0
Archibald, Purves		0
Halverson, Dickey		0
Despain, Kitchen		0
<u>El Paso Goal 15</u>	<u>Actual 6</u>	
Z.L. Carlson, Jobrack, Holbrook		0
D.L. Hendershot, Taylor		1
Lindsay, Laszczyk		0
Cronk, Lefevre		0
D.L. Bowen, Eagan		0
Povey, Kay		0
Bobo, Magnere		1
D.L. Wilson, Johnson		1
Ison, McFullin		2

Mission Total Goal - 201  
Total - 57

## "Repentance Brings Peace"

by the Assistants

Elder Travis Olsen and Elder Augustin Rodriguez

Sincere repentance brings us forgiveness and peace in this life. It also prepares us to live again with our Father in the life to come.

Fill in. (Disc. \_\_, princ. \_\_, concept \_\_)

Repentance is truly the most important thing we can do to help ourselves return to live with God. As this life is a probationary state, we must continually watch for those spiritual crocodiles that drag us down. We must always show forth the light of Christ and be those pure and clean vessels that will bring the light of the gospel to the world. Let us not fall from Grace.

Neal A. Maxwell once said, "To whom did David blow the biggest blow?" He was speaking about David, his battle with Goliath, and his wrong doings. David's story is a wonderful example of how we should stay away from those water holes that hold "The crocodiles".

David's story is one of honor and failure. David, as we know, slew Goliath in one of the most talked about battles in history. He had beaten one of the greatest warriors in the land with one single stone, but could not deceive God with all the cunning of the world. (2 Sam 11-12). Let us not follow in David's footsteps and try to see how much we can get away with. For there is nothing

covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be made known (Luke 12:2).

When he understood the damage caused by his disobedience, David repented of this evil doings (Psalms 51). "...Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

As we take the Atonement unto our lives we will want to do all within our power to help our brothers and sisters come unto Christ, for this is part of repentance (Alma 34:30). We cannot and will not return to God without fully asking for help from our Saviour Jesus Christ and without fully humbling ourselves and laying down our weaknesses at his feet. (Alma 12:27).

Elders and Sisters, we love you all very much and pray that we may all fully use repentance in our lives, so that our weaknesses may become strengths. Then, we may all lift ourselves and our mission to a higher plane.

Love, the Assistants!



## OCTOBER

General Conference

10/3-4

Stake Conference

10/24 Las Cruces

St Pres

Zone Conferences

9/28 Tucson North

9/29 Tucson Rincon

9/30 Tucson East

10/1 Tucson West @  
TN St Center

10/2 Tucson

10/5 Sierra Vista

10/6 New Mexico @  
Deming

10/7 Roswell

10/8 Mt. Franklin

10/9 El Paso

10/14 Gila Valley



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

Bikers Beware! There have been several serious bike accidents in the mission during the past month. These have resulted in broken bones, separated shoulders, broken dental retainers, cuts and bruises. In most cases, these accidents have been the result of inattention or Preparation Day "horseplay". (far from the "safe, wholesome, uplifting activities" suggested in the white handbook). Slow down, be alert, be attentive, no "horseplay". We love you and want you without casts or slings.

TAKE CARE OF YOU!



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

Dear Missionaries:  
A Chinese proverb provides my message to you this month. It reads, "Think of the danger while things are going smoothly." Please drive "defensively". And, though your car may be running well now, think ahead in terms of its maintenance.

Thanks, E. Andrus



## MUSIC POLICY

"As an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ, learn and obey all mission rules and strive to represent the Savior properly. Keep your thoughts, words, and actions in harmony with the message of the gospel (see Mosiah 4:29-30. D&C 64:29. 1 Thess 2:1-12)."

Music is a medium that influences our thoughts, words and actions. We feel it is important to review our music policy.

"It is permissible to have a small portable play-back device for sending and listening to tapes from your family. You may also have eight hours of music consisting of LDS artists, Church Music, or classical music at least 100 years old (done as originally scored by classical artists) so that you can listen to uplifting and soft spiritual music in your apartment. No personal musical instruments are permitted (i.e. guitars, harmonicas, etc.)" For clarification, the above policy does not include mood music from the local drug store. The Phantom of the Opera or any plays or movie themes or LDS composers with soft rock or the Youth Conference tapes. The music policy is generous and affords us beautiful music that will inspire and lift us. Let us not abuse it.



THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS





"Now I say unto you, If this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized in the name of the Lord, as a witness before him that ye have entered into a covenant with him, that ye will serve him and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?" Mosiah 18:10

**"Living True to Your Baptismal Covenants"**  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

According to Alma there are seven essential obligations that we assume at the time of baptism:

1) Membership in the Church and Kingdom of God; 2) Taking upon you the name of Christ; 3) To bear one another's burdens; 4) To mourn with those that mourn; 5) To comfort those that stand in need of comfort; 6) To stand as a witness of God at all times and in all things, and all places; and, 7) To serve God and keep His commandments.

In turn, the Lord has promised that he will pour out his spirit more abundantly upon us (through the companionship of the Holy Ghost) and that we will be numbered with those of the first resurrection and inherit eternal life. These are great

blessings that will come only as we live true to our baptismal covenants. We of all people should be true to our covenants of baptism, for we of all people need His spirit more abundantly as we teach the gospel to His children here in the Arizona Tucson Mission.

Teaching by the spirit is the only way we can help others come to Christ, for it is the spirit that actually does the converting. As we remain true to our baptismal covenants, as we serve God and teach by the spirit, the Lord will bless us individually and collectively as a mission.

Sister McKinlay and I love you hands down, no questions asked.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

Averett, A.  
Boden, N.  
Conroy, K.  
Eagan, T.  
Ferguson, M.  
Harris, J.  
Johnson, C.  
Johnson, T.  
Kitchen, W.  
Loock, N.  
Marriott, B.  
Openshaw, D.  
Pnddis, T.  
Rigtrup, K.  
Robins, J.  
Taylor, Brian  
Walworth, B.

#### Sister:

Cojan, G.

### Certified

#### Elders:

Allen, K.  
Araujo, S.  
Erickson, N.  
Lankton, M.  
Mazal, E.  
Seegmiller, M.  
Wilson, J.

#### Sister:

Bowers, A.

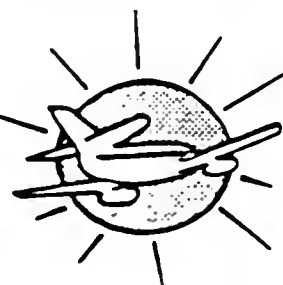
### Mastered

#### Elders:

Beck, C.  
Fieldsted, D.  
Hadley, R.  
Shepherd, K.  
Topping, M.

#### Sister:

Casillas, C.



## DELTA TRANSFER DEPARTURES

October 21, 1998

#### Elders:

Grant Adams  
Ryan Gibb  
Ruston Hadley  
Daniel Ison  
Daniel Johnson  
Benjamin Lemmon  
Michael Topping  
Matthew Tracy

#### Sisters:

Celia Casillas  
Shannon Ketchum  
Kisiah Morris



## ARRIVALS

October 13, 1998

#### Elder:

Keith Newcomer (ASL)  
October 21, 1998

#### Elders:

Nathan Bird  
Carson Bourne  
Mark Freeman  
Bryan Palmer  
Thomas Quimby  
Paul Roberts  
Richard Sharp  
Sisters:  
Kaari Branham  
Carrie Campbell  
Sylvia Cutler  
Mindy Hutchings  
Jolene Walker

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<u>Tucson North Goal 25</u>	<u>Actual 4</u>	
Z.L. Waits, Zwanien		0
D.L. Moultrie, Harris		3
Morris, Allen		0
D.L. Tolman, Higbee		0
Covington, Ragland		1
Tracy, Foster		0

<u>Tucson West Goal 27</u>	<u>Actual 8</u>	
Z.L. Whiteley, Petersen		3
D.L. Criser, Johnson		1
Adams, Rice		2
Mazal, Escobedo		1
D.L. Weston, Sedgwick		1
Lankton, Averett		0
Hendershot, Topping		0

<u>Tucson Goal 39</u>	<u>Actual 13</u>	
A.P. Olsen, Paskett		0
A.P. Rodriguez, Denning		0
Z.L. Seegmiller, Wilson		1
Young, Bowers, Dannie		9
Stout		1
Wuttrich, Zuniga		0
D.L. Cahlan, Bailey		0
Teasdale, Corrington		2

<u>Tucson East Goal 33</u>	<u>Actual 4</u>	
Z.L. Rosa, Strong		2
D.L. Jordan, Conroy		0
Goff, Kidman		0
Allredge, Mortensen		0
D.L. Smallwood, Hales		0
Jones, Meadows		2
Stanger, Crookston		0
Pnddis, Christison		0

<u>Tucson Rincon Goal 39</u>	<u>Actual 9</u>	
Z.L. Brausnow, Wilson		4
D.L. Walker, Despain		0
Jacobs, Rugtrup		0
D.L. Wolf, Araujo		0
Gibb, Lemmon		1
Stark, Knowlton		1
D.L. Brady, Walworth		3

<u>Sierra Vista Goal 32</u>	<u>Actual 7</u>	
Z.L. Crockett, Conlin		2
D.L. Herbert, Robinson		0
Gardner, Call		0
D.L. Hammond, Colvin		0
Lee, Hall		0
D.L. Lough, Watkins		4
Styer, Comstock		1
Smith, Stahl		0
Merrills		0

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## OCTOBER FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of Nov. will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson.

Elder Andrus will present "The Book of Mormon". You must have an investigator to attend.

Gila Valley Goal 35	Actual 13	
Z.L. Kowallis Fieldsted		0
D.L. Johnson, Taylor		0
Cojan, Luben		0
D.L. West, Curley		0
Hartley, Campos		0
Dunton, Henderson		0
D.L. Erickson, Joyce		0
Oliver, Look		0
New Mexico Goal 39	Actual 10	
Z.L. Henderson, Hadley		0
D.L. Dupax, Perez		0
King Harris		0
D.L. Bushman, Barrett		0
Foster, Robinson		0
Shear, Ballir		0
Z.L. San Juan, Betz		0
Navarro, Pemberton		0
D.L. Storms, Walker		0
Smith, Morgan		0
Roswell Goal 32	Actual 0	
Z.L. Gantaga, Santos		0
D.L. Allen, Marriott		0
Ketcham, Stanger		0
D.L. Small, Magnere		0
Casillas, Shields		0
D.L. James, Openshaw		0
Kuntz, Wolfe		0
Mt Franklin Goal 53	Actual 3	
Z.L. Beck, Shepherd		0
D.L. Webb, Boden		0
Povey, Phillips		0
Hall, Roundy		0
Frederick, Contreras		0
D.L. Rowley, Whittaker		1
Hall, Hellewell		1
Yanez, Cuevas		0
D.L. Potokar, Ferguson		0
Archibald, Purves		1
Halverson, Jorgensen		0
Robins, Kitchen		0
El Paso Goal 26	Actual 3	
Z.L. Carlson, Johnson		1
D.L. Dickey, Taylor		0
Lindsay, Laszczyk		0
Cronk, Lefevre		2
D.L. Bowen, Eagan		0
Jo Brack, Kay		0
Bobo, Ong		0
D.L. Herbert, Johnson		0
Ison, McMullin		0

Mission Total Goal - 345  
Total - 74



## NOVEMBER

Stake Conference  
11/07 Silver City  
11/14 Safford  
11/21 Thatcher, Pima

Zone Conferences  
10/26 Roswell  
10/27 El Paso  
10/28 Mt. Franklin  
10/29 NM at LC  
10/30 Gila Valley  
11/02 Rincon  
11/03 Tucson East  
11/04 Tucson West  
11/05 Tucson  
11/06 Tucson North  
11/09 Sierra Vista



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

We have talked about the importance of drinking at least six glasses of water on a regular basis through the day during the summer months to help keep your body hydrated. In addition, it is particularly recommended during cold and flu season, when it can help the body cope with minor bugs (by diluting toxins and flushing out your system) and can speed recovery during illness.



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

Winter is coming. In many areas throughout the Mission, snow and slick roads will prevail. Remember, please! Under some driving conditions, even 5 miles per hour may be too fast!



## "CALLED TO BAPTIZE!"

by the Assistants

Elder Augustin Rodriguez and Elder Christopher Beck

For those of you who have been reading this article faithfully for the last several months, you may have noticed that we have included a number of success stories. The purpose is to share with the mission some of the great stories dealing with baptism, and in a small way to motivate each of us to seek more families to baptize (white handbook, pg. 5). We have been pushing very hard to bring many more souls into the waters of baptism. There is only one reason why we push so hard - **BECAUSE WE ARE CALLED TO BAPTIZE!**

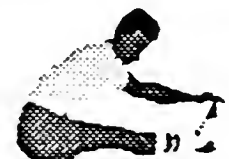
Every week and month we are "trained" on how to baptize, even though some of this training is very repetitive. We are trained on things we have heard many times before; however, no matter how it is presented, there is one set plan to

bringing in souls. It is 100% effective no matter where or when you serve, no matter the type of support the ward may give or not give, or how many "Great Ideas" we may have. The plan is: 1) Obedience/Personal Worthiness. 2) Faith, and. 3) Hard Work

It's back to basics, Elders and Sisters, plain and simple. Some of us think that a "Great Idea" or a "New Plan" will take some of the weight off our shoulders. That does not happen! The weight is on us. Those of you who are doing your part, we thank and commend you. Those of you who are not doing your part, please repent. Our time is so short. We must all work together and be unified in our faith and efforts in bringing souls to Christ. We ask for your commitment and help. Elders and Sisters, you're the best!

## "LET PRINCIPLE GUIDE"

by Sister Betty Jo McKinlay



Over the past few months, we have received many requests for tips for easy and effective diets, exercise programs and so on. The best counsel we can give is in Section 89 of the Doctrine and Covenants. We encourage each of you to read this section prayerfully and ponder how you can apply the principles found in D&C 89 by living the spirit of this health guide. Let's review:

- 1) It is given as a principle and a promise.
- 2) Drink nutritious drinks - juices, fat free milk and a great deal of water, avoid carbonation and caffeine drinks.
- 3) Fresh fruits and vegetables and grains; snack on them and avoid fast foods.
- 4) Exercise daily; get up a little early and walk or exercise as a companionship.

Remember, for weight control and healthy bodies we must use moderation in our diet and our exercising. We can say, "No thank you", to desserts and second helpings. Balance caloric intake to exercise output. You are special and your body unique. Choose what is best for your body!



"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26

### "The Holy Ghost: Key To Conversion" by President Douglas R. McKinlay

Orson Pratt was converted to the gospel when he was 19 years old by his older brother, Parley P. Pratt. While still 19, he left for the mission field, with these words from the Lord: "And more blessed are you because you are called of me to preach my gospel" (see D&C 34:5). Parley taught his younger brother by the power of the spirit, or the Holy Ghost. Orson then taught scores of others by the power of that same spirit, who were also converted to the gospel. Both Parley and Orson were later called into the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

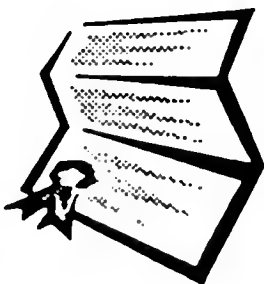
Very little has changed since then. All who come unto Christ today and are baptized into his Church are moved upon by the power of the Holy Ghost in his role as testifier (see 1 Cor. 12:3; Alma 5:45,46).

As worthy and faithful servants, ours

is the great blessing of moving under the influence of the Holy Ghost in our daily work. As Nephi, each of us can be led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand the things which we should do (see 1 Ne. 4:6). We simply need to keep in mind that although we do the teaching, the Holy Ghost does the converting, and that without the aid of the Holy Ghost our words become as Paul said, "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

It is incumbent upon each of us to use the precious and powerful Gift of the Holy Ghost in all we do, but most especially as we teach the discussions. This is absolutely critical as we bring souls to Christ in ever-increasing numbers.

Sister McKinlay and I love you beyond your present comprehension.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

#### Elders:

Christison, E.  
Comstock, D.  
Corrington, C.  
Cuevas, D.  
Higbee, M.  
Jorgensen, A.  
Laszczyk, L.  
Mortensen, M.  
Purves, S.  
Stahl, S.

### Certified

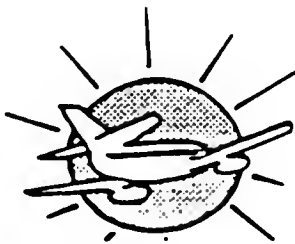
#### Elder:

Styer, David

### Mastered

#### Elder:

Wilson, Martin



## DELTA TRANSFER

### DEPARTURES

November 18, 1998

#### Elders:

Ryan Gardner  
Jon Hall  
Amy LeFevre  
David Potokar  
George Walker  
Adam Watts  
Ryan Weston

October 31, 1998

Elder/Sister Holdaway  
2 1/2 Years Service  
Financial Secretary  
Referral Secretary



October, 1998

Barton Call  
Gina Morgan

Medical Release 10/98  
Mary Rogers

### ARRIVALS

November 18, 1998

#### Elders:

Dan Applehans  
John Ellis  
Mark Lounsbury  
Courtney Rawson  
Shaun Westergard

#### Sisters:

Lori Dempsey  
Cori Van Roosendaal

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### October Baptism Report

<u>Tucson North Goal 12</u>	<u>Actual 4</u>	0
Z.L. Watts, Zwahlen		0
D.L. Moultrie, Harris		2
Bowers, Allen		0
D.L. Tolman, Quimby		0
Covington, Ragland		0
Herbert, Foster		2
<u>Tucson West Goal 14</u>	<u>Actual 2</u>	0
Z.L. Whiteley, Bird		0
D.L. Criser, Johnson		0
Hendershot, Rice		2
Mazal, Johnson		0
D.L. Dumton, Sedgwick		0
Lankton, Averett		0
Robinson, Campbell		0
<u>Tucson Goal 16</u>	<u>Actual 5</u>	2
A.P. Beck, Denning		0
A.P. Rodriguez, Bushman		1
Z.L. Seegmiller, Wilson		0
Young, Bowers, Dansie		0
Stotts		0
Wuthrich, Zuniga		1
D.L. Cahon, Bailey		1
Teasdale, Corrington		0
<u>Tucson East Goal 16</u>	<u>Actual 3</u>	1
Z.L. Rosa, Strong		0
D.L. Jordan, Roberts		0
Goff, Kidman		0
Allredge, Conroy		0
D.L. Smallwood, Hales		0
Jones, Meadows		1
Stanger, Crookston		1
Priddy, Conlin		0
<u>Tucson Rincon Goal 16</u>	<u>Actual 9</u>	1
Z.L. Bradshaw, Stahl		3
D.L. Wilson, Despain		0
Jacobs, Rugtrup		3
D.L. Wolf, Freeman		0
Araujo, Watkins		0
Stark, Knowlton		2
D.L. Brady, Walworth		0
Walker, Lee		0
<u>Sierra Vista Goal 18</u>	<u>Actual 11</u>	2
Z.L. Crockett, Escobedo		0
D.L. Robinson, Hall		1
Gardner, Mortensen		0
D.L. King, Colvin		3
Petersen, Call		0
D.L. Lough, Magner		2
Siver, Comstock		0
Smith, Palmer		0
Merrill		0

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### DECEMBER FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of Dec. will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson.

Elder Andrus will present "The Church". You must have an investigator to attend.

Gila Valley Goal 16	Actual 7	
Z.L. Cantuiga, Fieldsted		1
D.L. Weston, Taylor		0
Cojan, Luben		1
D.L. West, Curley		1
Hartley, Campos		1
Phillips, Henderson		0
D.L. Enckson, Joyce		2
Oliver, Look		1
New Mexico Goal 20	Actual 7	
Z.L. Henderson, Ferguson		0
D.L. Dupaux, Hellewell		1
Hammond, Harris		1
D.L. Bowen, Barrett		0
Foster, Walker		0
Shear, Ballif		0
Z.L. San Juan, Betz		4
Navarro, Pemberton		1
D.L. Paskett, Walker		0
Smith, Morgan		0
Roswell Goal 14	Actual 4	
Z.L. Kowallis, Santos		1
D.L. Allen, Marnott		0
Stanger, Hutchings		0
D.L. Small, Higbee		0
Shields, Ragland		1
D.L. James, Bourne		1
Kuntz, Wollie		1
Mt Franklin Goal 24	Actual 8	
Z.L. Olsen, Shepherd		0
D.L. Webb, Boden		0
Povey, Roundy		0
Hall, Openshaw		0
Frederick, Contreras		1
D.L. Rowley, Whittaker		0
Hall, Perez		3
Yanez, Cuevas		0
D.L. Potokar, Sharp		0
Archibald, Purves		0
Halverson, Jorgensen		2
Robins, Kitchen		2
El Paso Goal 18	Actual 6	
Z.L. Carlson, Johnson		1
D.L. Dickey, Taylor		3
Lindsay, Laszczyk		0
Cronk, Lefevre		0
D.L. Archibald, Eagan		0
Jo Brack, Kay		0
Bobo, Ong		0
D.L. Hebert, Johnson		2
Storms, McVullin		0

Mission Total Goal - 184  
Total -66



## DECEMBER

### Zone Conferences

11/23 GV& SV  
@ Willcox  
11/24 NM @ Deming  
11/30 Rincon  
12/01 Tucson East  
12/02 Tucson West  
12/03 Tucson  
12/04 Tucson North  
12/09 Roswell  
12/10 Mt. Franklin  
12/11 El Paso

Tucson Investigator  
Christmas Program  
12/20



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

An important part of staying healthy and energetic is to meet your body's nutritional needs. In addition to eating a variety of vegetables and fruits, grains, low-fat milk products, and protein-rich foods, you are encouraged to take a daily multiple vitamin supplement. Also, practice good hygiene - wash your hands frequently and keep them away from your face.

TAKE CARE OF  
YOU!



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

### Preventable Accidents

Elders and Sisters: Please understand that henceforward any preventable accident will disqualify the driver from driving privileges throughout the remainder of his/her mission.

Elder Andrus



## MONEY MATTERS

by Elder Baker

Sisters and Elders - There are some simple tasks you can do to ensure you do not go into an over draft situation and that you are using the Lord's money properly. Over drafts will be subtracted from your next month's allocation.

- I encourage you to set up a simple budget and follow it. (Food, clothing, P-day activities, transportation, investigator literature, personal hygiene items, etc.)
- Keep all receipts from your debit card use, and enter those debits in your check register so you always have a running total of your balance.
- Remember - family can add money to your account at Zion's Bank for unusual item purchases, such as a bike or a helmet. Just give them the account number and Bank address. Be certain to enter all deposits into your check register, also.
- Remind your loved ones to not send checks to you personally. Use your personal account, your debit account or have them send a money order.

## "The Holy Ghost: A Witness of the Truth"

by the Assistants

Elder Augustin Rodriguez and Elder Christopher Beck

### "Tis The Season To Be Jolly..."

Often we hear this phrase during the holidays. What a wonderful time of year it is to reflect on the season of joy. What does it mean to be jolly? The word jolly means we are cheerful, happy, merry, and light-hearted. What causes those feelings? Many think that it is a part of nature, but we know that the Holy Ghost is testifying of the truth. With our theme this month we will be pondering the significance of the spirit and how the Holy Ghost affects our lives.

The COMFORTER will teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance. What a powerful phrase that our Savior has taught us. As missionaries we are called of God to thrash the nations by the power of his spirit. (D&C 35:13) To obtain the power of his spirit we must first qualify for it, then apply it

towards the people we love.

(D&C 11:21)

It is through the spirit that lives are changed as were ours the first time we received a witness of the truth. As we grow throughout our missions we have the privilege of using the Gift of the Holy Ghost. This month we will have the opportunity to focus on applying this gift in action. As we acquire the spirit we can teach with power and boldness. (1 Nephi 2:14)

Elders and Sisters, as the Holidays come and go, may the Lord bless you in all that you do. As you focus on the spirit this month, we pray for the spirit to be with you. As you see the lives of people change, please remember that it is through the influence of the Spirit. May that spirit catapult you and your investigators into the next year.

Love, the Assistants





"But behold, I say unto you that ye must pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform any thing unto the Lord save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ, that he will consecrate thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of they soul."  
2 Nephi 32:9

"Unleash the Power of Prayer"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

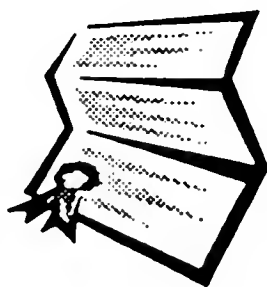
Perhaps the greatest untapped resource in your arsenal against Satan and for Christ is the power of your own personal prayers.

Ponder the results of the simple, fervent prayer of a 14 year old farm boy in upstate New York. Witness the effect of the prayers of Alma on behalf of his son, Alma. Rejoice in the promised, accompanying, converting spirit when we as teachers of his gospel offer our prayers in faith. Imagine the possibilities for success in the work as you pray for your investigators, nothing wavering.

So long as we pray with faith and our petitions are in harmony with the mind and will of the Lord, we have no reason to believe that our prayers will not be heard and answered.

During our last Zone Conference we remarked that most of us function below the level at which God desires to bless us. Once you have the desire to fill that blessing-gap, the only remaining obstacle is to pray with unfailing faith. Nephi did it. The Brother of Jared did it, Alma did it, you can do it. You have been called by a prophet of God to teach this people. You have been given a sacred trust; the Lord has promised that He will go before your face. You are His beloved son or daughter. Pray always, be believing and you will come off conqueror. As Paul said to the Romans, "...If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Sister McKinlay and I love you with a perspective only parenthood provides.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Qualified

### Elders:

Betz, W.  
Conlin, T.  
Freeman, J.  
Jobrack, E.  
Palmer, B.  
Rice, S.  
Roberts, P.  
Santos, D.  
Watkins, A.

### Sisters:

Allen, C.  
Hutchings, M.  
Knowlton, N.

### Certified

### Elder:

Hammond, B.

### Sister:

Dansie, E.

### Mastered

### Sister:

Smith, E.



## DELTA TRANSFER

### DEPARTURES December 23, 1998

### Elders:

L. Gantugs (12/20 - visa)  
Benjamin Alldredge  
Shane Carlson  
Dallon Fieldsted  
Taylor Hellewell  
Jason Jones  
Jeffrey Kowallis  
LaDuska Ragland  
Michael Small  
Jarred Storms  
Joseph West  
Patrick Wolf  
Emily Wuthrich  
Keith Newcomer  
(medical release 12/22)  
James Goff (ASL  
Transfer 12/22)



## ARRIVALS

December 1, 1998

### Elders:

Craig Parkin (11/24)  
Nathan Babbel  
Blake Empey  
Christopher Evans  
Randy Evans  
Jacob Jensen  
Arona Leota  
Edmund Lunnen  
Bryce Miner  
Justin Rowley  
Nathan Williams

December 23, 1998

### Elders:

Stephen Cross  
John Daniel  
Lynn Grieve  
Chad Romney  
Julio Tapia  
Sisters:  
Cindy Lee Janes (12/14)  
Hilary Whitcomb

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<u>Tucson North Goal 12</u>	<u>Actual 1</u>	
Z.L. Whiteley, Zwablen, Despain		1
D.L. Moultrie, Santos		0
Bowers, Cojan		0
D.L. West, Qumby		0
Covington, Brannan		0
Herbert, Foster		0
<u>Tucson West Goal 14</u>	<u>Actual 5</u>	
Z.L. Erickson, Bird		1
D.L. Brady, Rice		0
Teasdale, Christison		0
Mazal, Johnson		1
D.L. Duntion, Westerguard		0
Strong, Averett		3
Robinson, Campbell		0
<u>Tucson Goal 16</u>	<u>Actual 10</u>	
A.P. Beck, Denning		3
A.P. Rodriguez, Rowley		0
Z.L. Seegmiller, Pemberton, Miner		0
Young, Danse, Dempsey		3
Stotts		0
Wuthrich, Zuniga		1
D.L. Lindsay, Bailey		0
Corrington, Rossin		3
<u>Tucson East Goal 16</u>	<u>Actual 7</u>	
Z.L. Rosa, Jordan		1
D.L. Bushman, Roberts		3
Goff, Newcomer		1
Allredge, Conroy		0
D.L. Smallwood, Hales		1
Jones, Meadows		1
Stanger, Van Roosendaal		0
Pnddis, Conlin		0
<u>Tucson Rincon Goal 16</u>	<u>Actual 9</u>	
Z.L. Bradshaw, Openshaw		0
D.L. Wilson, Palmer		3
Henderson, Rugtrup		1
D.L. Wolf, Freeman		2
Araujo, Watkins		1
Stark, Knowlton		2
D.L. Shepherd, Babbel		0
Walworth, Evans		0
<u>Sierra Vista Goal 18</u>	<u>Actual 7</u>	
Z.L. Crockett, Lounsbury		2
D.L. Robinson, Hall		0
Harris, Mortensen		0
D.L. King, Povey		2
Petersen, Escobedo		0
D.L. Lough, Stryer		0
Robins, Cornstock		3
Smith, Shear		0
Merrills		0

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JANUARY FIRESIDE



Our investigator fireside in Tucson for the month of January will be held on Sunday, JAN 17, at the Fort Lowell Chapel on the corner of Dodge and Fort Lowell at 7 pm in Tucson.

Elder Andrus will present "The Great Apostasy and The Reformation". You must have an investigator to attend.

Gila Valley Goal 16 Actual 14  
 Z.L. Jannus, Sedgewick 1  
 D.L. Feldsted, Taylor 1  
 Crookston, Luben 50  
 D.L. Henderson, Curley 4  
 Hartley, Campos 0  
 Phillips, Henderson 0  
 D.L. Look, Mcnullen 3  
 Joyce, Stahl 0

New Mexico Goal 20 Actual 169  
 Z.L. Wilson, Ferguson 1  
 D.L. Hellewell, Appelhaus 4  
 Hammond, Harris 10  
 D.L. Bowen, Barrett 1  
 Foster, Walker 1  
 Caban, Ballif 3  
 Z.L. San Juan, Kiv, Lurmen 3  
 Navarro, Dickey 0  
 D.L. Paskett, Walker 3  
 Smith, Cutler 1

Roswell Goal 14 Actual 9  
 Z.L. Nowallis, Kiddman 1  
 D.L. Colvin, Marnott 0  
 Fredericks, Hutchings 1  
 D.L. Small, Higbee 2  
 Shields, Cronk 1  
 D.L. James, Bourne 3  
 Kuntz, Wolle 1

Mt Franklin Goal 24 Actual 10  
 Z.L. Olsen, Oliver 1  
 D.L. Yanez, Boden, Empey 2  
 Bobo, Roundy 0  
 Hall, Sharp 1  
 Contreras, Allen 0  
 D.L. Criser, Whitaker 1  
 Perez, Johnson, Jensen 3  
 Magner, Cuevas 0  
 D.L. Halverson, Jorgenson, Leota 1  
 Purves, Williams 0  
 Hebert, Rowley 1  
 Tolman, Kitchen 0

El Paso Goal 18 Actual 9  
 Z.L. Carlson, Webb, Evans 2  
 Taylor, Ellis 2  
 Allen, Laszczyk 1  
 Stanger, Ragland 1  
 D.L. Archibald, Eagan 0  
 Jo Brack, Betz 2  
 Hendershot, Ong 0  
 D.L. Dupaux, Johnson 0  
 Storms, Jacobs 1

Mission Total Goal - 169  
 Total -97

### "Hearken Unto the Spirit of Prayer"

by the Assistants

Elder Christopher Beck and Elder Nicholas Crockett

Nephi the prophet pleads with us to "Hearken unto the spirit of prayer, for the evil spirit teaches a man not to pray." Prayer as we all know is our communication with Heavenly Father and the way we receive personal guidance. What would happen if you would stop talking with your earthly Father? Would you be happy? Would He? Would you then feel comfortable going to Him for answers to your problems in times of need? We should never feel this way about our Heavenly Father.

The Bible dictionary tells us that as soon as we learn the true relationship we have with God (namely, God is our Father and we are his children), then at once prayer becomes natural and instinctive on our part. The object of prayer is not to change the will of God, but to secure for ourselves and for others, blessings that

God is already willing to grant, and that are made conditional upon our asking for them. See Matt 7:7-8; D&C 88:63-64.

Our Savior has shown us the way, now we must follow His perfect example. In 3 Ne 20-21 Christ prays to His Father and thanks Him for giving us the Holy Ghost which lets us know of truth. Our Savior has also prayed for our investigators, now we must help them feel this Spirit through prayer - our prayers! Let us have the faith to change our lives and our investigators' lives through the power of personal prayer. Let us gain a testimony - like the one of Alma the Elder - through your diligence in prayer and pleading with God.

Elders and Sisters, may the Lord bless you in all your missionary efforts.

Love Always, the Assistants



## JANUARY

### Zone Conferences

- 1/4 Rincon, Tucson E.  
@ T. E.
- 1/5 Tucson, Tucson N.,  
Tucson W. @ TN
- 1/6 Sierra Vista, Gila Val.,  
NMW @ Willcox
- 1/7 New Mexico E, Roswell  
@ Alamogordo
- 1/8 El Paso, Mt Franklin @  
@ Wrestler

### Mission Tour/Pres Mickelson 1/29-31

### January St. Conf's

- 1/10 St David
- 1/17 Tucson N;  
Mt Franklin
- 1/24 Alamogordo  
District Conf



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

If you feel you have been exposed to tuberculosis, please call me so we can discuss possible options and treatments. DO NOT be tested without calling the office. The examination and medications are free, and we can give you proper information.



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

Missionaries: The following bikes are for sale (1) Schwinn super sport road bike. Like new. \$100. (2) Raleigh Mountain Bike. New Sixteen inch frame. \$275. If you are interested, let me know.

Elder Andrus



## TAKE CARE OF YOU!



## PRIME THE MEMBER PUMP BRINGING PROMISED SUCCESS

Those who have memorized the Prime the Member Pump discussion dialogue and have presented it with the spirit are experiencing success. The baptisms are now coming in from this inspired finding method.



## GOALS FOR 1999

In the December Zone Conference you were asked to begin your personal goal-setting for 1999. You will soon receive a personal goal sheet to fill out; it will be a part of every President's interview during the coming year.





"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

1 John 2:3,4

"The First Law of Heaven"  
by President Douglas R. McKinlay

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<u>Tucson North Goal 10 Actual 4</u>	
Z.L. Enser, Zwaanen	0
D.L. Laschzyk, Krugis	0
Cojan, Campbell	1
D.L. Mazal, Bird	2
Stark, Branham	0
Herbert, Walker	1
<u>Tucson West Goal 12 Actual 8</u>	
Z.L. Erickson, Quimby	3
D.L. Brady, Cross	0
Teasdale, Christison	0
Jonsson, Roundy	3
D.L. Dunton, Westergard	1
Sirong, Averett	1
<u>Tucson Goal 28 Actual 12</u>	
A.P. Beck, Denning, Santos	1
A.P. Crockett, Rowley	1
Z.L. San Juan, Penoberton, Miner	7
Covington, Dempsey, Dansie	1
Lanxon, Holbrook	0
Bowers, Zuniga	0
D.L. Corrington, Rawson	2
Rice, Bailey	0
<u>Tucson East Goal 24 Actual 7</u>	
Z.L. Lindsay, Jordan	0
D.L. Bushman, Palmer	3
Foster, Conroy	1
D.L. Joyce, Hales	0
Meadows, Grieve	1
Stanger, Van Roosendaal	2
Priddis, Romney	0
<u>Tucson Rincon Goal 19 Actual 14</u>	
Z.L. Bradshaw, Openshaw	4
D.L. Wilson, Palmer	1
Smith, Henderson	1
D.L. Araujo, Watkins	2
Conlin, Freeman	1
Young, Knowlton	1
D.L. Shepherd, Baboel	2
Walworth, Evans	2
<u>Sierra Vista Goal 14 Actual 10</u>	
Z.L. Seegmiller, Lounsbury	0
D.L. Robinson, Hall	2
Harris, Mortensen	1
D.L. King, Povey	0
Petersen, Escobedo	1
D.L. Lough, Siver	0
Roome, Comstock	5
Rigtrup, Shear	0
Merrills	1

When we bear our testimonies and mention that we know God the Father and his son Jesus Christ, we are also saying that we live their commandments. Quite a statement. Quite a commitment. It is more than just a proclamation of their existence.

To say we know him, and "keepeth not his commandments," makes us untruthful, unfaithful. Conversely, keeping his laws is an overt demonstration that we indeed know and love him. We of all people should be in a position to know and love him, for we in fact represent him to both member and non-member alike.

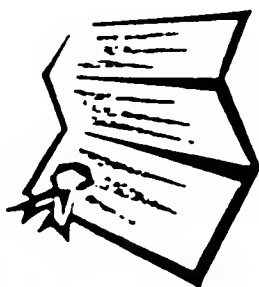
As Elder Bruce R. McKConkie has said, "Obedience is the first law of heaven, the cornerstone upon which all righteousness and

progression rest." How true that is! If you are not making spiritual progress, if things are not going well for you personally, please examine your level of obedience - to all of God's laws, to your own baptismal and temple covenants and to mission rules and regulations.

The very essence of earth life is to prove ourselves, to see if we will do "all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them." (see Abr. 3:25-26).

In a similar way, you are here to prove yourselves in the setting of full-time service to the Lord, as his servants. I know the Lord will bless you as you live all the laws of God.

Sister McKinlay and I have an interminable love for each of you.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### Certified

### Qualified

#### Elders:

Bourne, C.  
Hales, Ryan  
Henderson, H.  
Joyce, R.  
Lounsbury, M.  
Petersen, T.  
Quimby, T.  
Walker, J.  
Sisters:  
Cutler, S.  
Walker, J.  
Zuniga, P

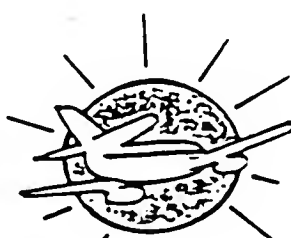
#### Elder:

Archibald, B.  
Eagan, T.  
Taylor, B.

#### Mastered

#### Elders:

Alldredge, B.  
Hammond, B.  
Rowley, S.



## DELTA TRANSFER

### DEPARTURES

December 22, 1998  
Stott, Ben and Laurel  
Senior Couple

January 27, 1999

#### Elders:

Brandt Bowen  
Nicole Crookston  
Nathan Despain  
Nicholar Jacobs  
Lorraine Hartley  
Eleazar Magnere  
Jared Robinson  
Randy Tolman



## ARRIVALS

December 30, 1998  
Elder Austin Knight

January 25, 1999  
Sister Amanda Duncan

January 27, 1999  
Elders:  
Dewey Brown  
Zeb Dewsnap  
Matthew Johnson  
Mark Stewart  
Julio Tapias

#### Sisters:

Joan Spencer  
Amber Swanson

## MONEY MATTERS

A reminder to retain, and carefully check, all your debit card receipts. Enter them into your check register to maintain an accurate account balance. Overdrafts are deducted from your next monthly allotment. Your allotment comes from consecrated tithing funds and should be only used for the following: approved proselytizing materials, laundry, haircuts, gasoline costs, public transportation costs, personal grooming items, and food. Any accumulated excess not needed for the above should be returned to the Church. Be sure to keep the toll free numbers handy to call for current balance, or if your card stops working and you know you have enough money in your account. Remember, the Mission office balances on Missionary accounts are updated just weekly.

<u>Gila Valley Goal 21 Actual 10</u>	
Z.L. Rodriguez, Whistley	1
D.L. Sedgwick, Taylor	1
Crookston, Luben	1
D.L. Henderson, Curley	1
Harvey, Robinson	1
Phillips, Lee	1
D.L. Locke, McMillen	0
Deppa, Stahl	0
<u>New Mexico E Goal 12 Actual 9</u>	
Z.L. Wilson, Ferguson	0
D.L. Hammond, Harris	2
Whitaker, Appenzell	1
D.L. Brown, Daniel	3
Foster, Walker	0
Cahan, Barrett	0
<u>New Mexico W Goal 12 Actual 5</u>	
Z.L. Archibald, Kiv, Lunsden	1
Johansen, Dickey	1
D.L. Paskett, Smallwood	1
Campbell, Cutler	0
<u>Roswell Goal 15 Actual 16</u>	
Z.L. Ross, Nathan	2
D.L. Carvin, Morrison	2
Fredericks, Huchings	2
D.L. Hyman, Parsons	1
Shields, Cross	4
D.L. James, Bourke	3
Weile, Kuchner	0
<u>Mt Franklin Goal 25 Actual 6</u>	
Z.L. Olsen, Oliver	0
D.L. Yancy, Soenen, Emery	0
Boss, Ballif	0
Hall, Sharp	0
Conner, Allen	0
D.L. Perez, Johnson, Jensen	1
Magnore, Curvas	0
D.L. Harverson, Jorgensen, Latta	2
Parviz, Williams	0
Hansen, Rowley	0
Touma, Kuntz	1
<u>El Paso Goal 13 Actual 5</u>	
Z.L. Aeon, Evans	0
Taylor, Ellis	0
Allen, Jacobs	0
Stanger, James	0
D.L. Navarro, Espas	1
Bezz, Ong	2
Hendershot, Joback	0
D.L. Dupont, Moutre	0
Smith, Whitcomb	0

Mission Total Goal = 307  
Total = 104



## FEBRUARY

### Zone Conferences

- 1/30 Gila Valley at Pima
- 2/1 MW & E at LC
- 2/2 Roswell
- 2/3 El Paso
- 2/4 Mt. Franklin
- 2/8 Rincon
- 2/9 Tucson East
- 2/10 Tucson
- 2/11 Tucson W & N
- 2/12 Sierra Vista

### February St. Conf's

- 1/31 Duncan Stake
- 1/21 Roswell Stake
- 1/28 El Paso, El Paso
- February ATM Fireside
- 2/21 Elder Andrus,
- Tucson, "Restoration"
- Investigator Required



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

Numerous reports of upper-respiratory infections (sinus, colds, bronchitis, etc) and flu have been received. We are continuing our Clean Hands Campaign as a way to keep you healthy. Also use a travel-size container of Purell or Germ-X purchased at a local drugstore. These are hand sanitizers which work without water and can be carried in your backpack.



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

Give a soul to the car you drive. Give it a name. Think of it as a living thing with real feelings, concerns and needs. Then think of it as a good friend and take care of it accordingly. Thanks.

## MEDIA MESSAGE

by Sister Baker

I want you to know I love you all. I am so blessed to be part of your support team. It is a joy for me to see you magnifying the vision of following up on our media and other referrals. Thank you for your prompt response to our "007" call. It really helps me in my calling.



## "The Power of Obedience"

by the Assistants

Elder Christopher Beck and Elder Nicholas Crockett

We have recently concluded our mission-wide study on prayer. We have learned that we must pray, that God hears us, and that He can grant our petitions. This month, as a mission, we will become more powerful, effectual servants of the All Mighty. This power is only obtainable through strict obedience and complete honesty before the Lord. We must remember "when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by strict obedience to that law upon which it is predicated" (D&C 130:21)

For a moment, visualize an hourglass. The amount of sand that passes per second from the top half to the bottom half is controlled by the diameter of the funnel that connects the two halves. In the hourglass of our missions, the sand located in the top half represents blessings that our Heavenly Father is waiting to shower down upon us. The sand particles located in the bottom half represent blessings that we have already received during our missions. When our time is up, we go home and take with us whatever blessings, gifts, and experiences that are found at the bottom.

The wonder is that the amount of blessings the Lord has in store for us during the course of our

missions - they will never run out. Through our obedience, we directly control the width of the funnel's diameter through which all God's blessings for us pass. The more obedient we are, the wider the funnel becomes allowing God to shower down upon us greater blessings in less time. Likewise, if we choose to be disobedient, the width of our funnel decreases, inhibiting God's ability to bless us. We can only receive small blessings, on occasion. The time on our missions is so precious and limited.

The more obedient we are, the greater we are blessed - the more talents and Christlike attributes we acquire. The spirit and its power are at our disposal. We amplify our ability to influence our investigators' decisions to follow Christ, by way of baptism. "...by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." (Romans 5:19)

Elders and Sisters, let us be more obedient to all mission rules, the commandments of God, and be true to the covenants we have made. By so doing we will be blessed more than ever! God will rejoice, and will delight in speedily answering our prayers. "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

## PRIME THE MEMBER PUMP BRINGING PROMISED SUCCESS

Elders Strong and Averett asked the Ward Mission Leader if they could make a PMP presentation in his home. Reluctantly, he agreed. The Elders came in with the spirit and made the presentation, after which the family was asked to prepare a list of their non-member friends. Then they knelt and prayed over the names and WML and his wife both circled the same name, Tom Gress. When asked to call Tom that night they felt uncomfortable, but the WML promised that he would give Tom a book of Mormon the next day, which he did. Upon receiving the Book of Mormon and a brief discussion about the Church, Tom said, "I was wondering when you were going to ask me about the Church. I have been interested for a long time, but didn't know how to go about asking you."

RESULT: Tom Gress was taught the six discussions, has come to Church and was baptized on January 23, 1999. The entire process took about one month. The Ward Mission Leader is now promoting "Prime



# THE MISSION VOICE

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## "Your Personal Sacrifice to the Lord"

Our theme scripture this month directs us to observe our covenants by sacrifice, specifically the individual sacrifice of a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

In outlining the requirements for the covenant of baptism, the Lord through the Prophet Joseph commanded that candidates must "...come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits..." (see D&C 20:37). That is the beginning, the gateway through which we have all passed. But the requirement remains. Each of us must continue to exhibit that kind of humility in order to observe our baptismal and the other personal covenants we have made directly with him.

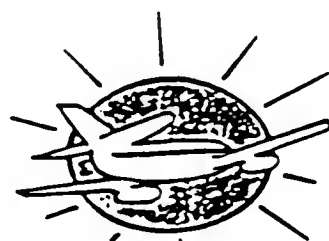
What is the sacrifice of a broken heart? It is the remorse we feel for our transgressions and daily shortcomings.

What is the sacrifice of a contrite

heart? It is that we remain teachable - open to the words of his servants, and to the spirit, so that we are continually making progress toward exaltation (see 2 Ne. 2:7; 3 Ne. 9:20 and 12:19; and D&C 59:8).

By remaining humble we give an on-going sacrifice of our own will - the only thing that is ours to sacrifice anyway - (see Mosiah 2:20 - 22). We then place ourselves in a position to drink freely from the living waters of life everlasting and become even better qualified full-time servants of His.

Sister McKinlay and I love you as our very own.



## MASTERY PROGRAM

### QUALIFIED

Elders:  
Applehans, D.  
Knight, A.  
Leota, A.  
Meadows, S.  
Parkin, C.  
Whittaker, D.  
Sisters:  
Campbell, C.  
Janes, C.  
Whitcomb, H.

### CERTIFIED

Elders:  
Moultrie, C.  
Parkin, C.  
Pemberton, R.  
Strong, N.  
Sister:  
Stanger, H.

### MASTERED

Sisters:  
Stark, B.  
Young, H.

## DELTA TRANSFER

### DEPARTURES February 24, 1999

Elders:  
John DuPaix  
Kemish  
Hendershot  
Bracken  
Henderson  
Edward Jobrack  
Steven Rowley  
Kodey Whiteley  
Sisters:  
Lindsay Shields

## ARRIVALS

February 24, 1999

Elders:  
Aley Auna  
Garrett Goodwin  
Jason Heidt  
Elliot Huntington  
Dan Jewkes  
Sister:  
Carrie Day

Tucson North Goal 25	Actual 3
Z.L. Cnser, Johnson	0
D.L. Laszczyk, Knight	0
Cojan, Cambell	3
D.L. Mazal, Bird	0
Stark, Spencer	0
Walker, Mortensen	0

Tucson West Goal 18	Actual 7
Z.L. Enckson, Qumby	1
D.L. Brady, Cross, Tapia	2
Teasdale, Christison	0
Johnson, Roundy	4
D.L. Lough, Westerguard	0
Strong, Averett	0

Tucson Goal 21	Actual 4
A.P. Beck, Denning	0
A.P. Crockett, Rowley	1
Z.L. San Juan, Pemberton, & Broadbent	1
Covington, Dempsey	0
D.L. Lankton, Holbrook	0
Bowers, Zuniga	0
D.L. Corrington, Rawsin	0
Hales, Rice	2

Tucson East Goal 21	Actual 6
Z.L. Lindsay, Jordan, Herbert	0
D.L. Bushman, Roberts	0
Foster, Conroy	1
D.L. Joyce, Baily	4
Meadows, Gneve	0
Van Roosendaal, Branham	1
Pnddas, Romney	0

Tucson Rincon Goal 21	Actual 6
Z.L. Bradshaw, Openshaw	3
D.L. Conlin, Palmer	0
Smith, Henderson	1
D.L. Araujo, Watkins	0
Taylor, Freeman	0
Young, Knowlton	0
D.L. Shepherd, Babbal	1
Walworth, Evans	1

Sierra Vista Goal 15	Actual 4
Z.L. Seegmiller, Miner	0
D.L. Taylor, Hall	0
Harms, Zwahlen	0
D.L. Povey, Boden	0
Escobedo, Dewsnup	0
D.L. Stryer, Stewart	2
Comstock, Purves	2
Rigtrup, Curley	0

Gila Valley Goal 18	Actual 4
Z.L. Rodriguez, Paskett	0
D.L. Sedgwick, Lounsbury	0
Dansie, Luben	2
D.L. Henderson, Santos	2
Robinson, Stanger	0
Phillips, Lee	0
D.L. Kuntz, McMullen	0
Stahl, Shear	0

New Mexico Goal 12	Actual 8
Z.L. Wilson, Kidman	0
D.L. Hammond, Harris	0
Whittaker, Applehans	1
D.L. Look, Daniel	0
Walker, Swanson	2
Cahan, Barrett	0
Z.L. Archibald, Kay, Lunnen	0
Johnson, Dickey	4
D.L. Whitely, Smallwood	0
Dunton, Bourne	1

Roswell Goal 16	Actual 2
Z.L. Rosa, Eagan	1
D.L. Colvin, Marriott	0
Fredricks, Hutchings	0
D.L. Higbee, Parkin	1
Shields, Cronk	0
D.L. James, Hall	0
Wolle, Kitchen	0

Mt. Franklin Goal 23	Actual 13
Z.L. Olsen, King	3
D.L. Oliver, Yanez, Empey	0
Bobo, Ballif	1
Peterson, Sharp	0
Conteras, Allen	3
D.L. Perez, Johnson, Williams	2
Hebert, Cuevas, Rowley	0
D.L. Hanerson, Dupaux, Leota	4
Campos, Cutler	0
Stanger, Duncan	0

El Paso Goal 18	Actual 11
Z.L. Webb, Jorgensen, Evans	2
D.L. Wilson, Ellis	1
Ferguson, Brown	0
Foster, Janes	0
D.L. Navarro, Moultrie	1
Betz, Ong, Jensen	3
Hendershot, JoBrack	2
D.L. Allen, Robins	1
Smith, Whitcomb	1

MISSION TOTAL GOAL: 213  
TOTAL ACTUAL: 68



### March Zone Conferences

- 3/1 El Paso
- 3/2 Mt. Franklin
- 3/3 Roswell
- 3/4 NME & W @ Deming
- 3/5 Gila Valley
- 3/6 Sierra Vista
- 3/8 Tucson East
- 3/9 Tucson Rincon
- 3/10 Tucson North
- 3/11 Tucson W & N @ TN
- 3/12 Tucson

#### March Stk. Conf.'s

- 3/7 Tucson East

#### March ATM Firesides

FT Lowell Chapel, 7PM

- 3/21 Elder Andrus,  
"The Restoration"
- 3/28 Elder Andrus,  
"Joseph Smith"



### HEALTH TIPS by Sister Andrus

Already this "spring" we have had missionaries in the hospital for dehydration. Elders and Sisters, you must drink at least 2 quarts (64 oz.) of water daily. Get a 16 or 24 oz. water bottle and keep filling and drinking all day long (water, not sodas). The secret to good health is to PRE-HYDRATE (meaning to add water before you begin losing it.)



Remember to be an effective missionary, you need to be a healthy missionary!

**TAKE CARE OF YOU!**



### FLEET COORDINATOR by Elder Andrus

Preparation Day is the time to clean your car inside and outside—glove compartment and trunk included. If not done then, the car will go dirty for another week.



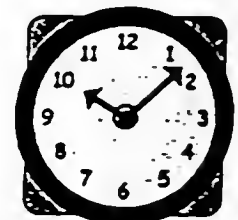
### "COMMUNITY SERVICE"

Elder Pinegar has asked that Mission Presidents approve all community service programs within the mission. Please tell me what you are doing for service at the next President's interview.



### MONEY MATTERS by Elder Baker

Recently, I have had a number of very high utility bills—especially for electricity. One bill was caused by a missionary increasing the electric water heater temperature to cause steam when the hot water was turned on. Please be cognizant of your apartment thermostat settings—especially when the apartment is not occupied. The funds the Mission uses to pay utility bills are from Tithing, and we should not waste the Lord's sacred funds.



### MEDIA

All media referrals are to be found within 24 hours - they are waiting for you! Sister Baker

### "Fulfilling Covenants Through Sacrifice"

by the Assistants

Elder Christopher Beck and Elder Nicholas Crockett

As last month came to a close, we learned that obedience is a key to success. As we are obedient, we qualify for the many blessings the Lord has in store for us. Those blessings that we receive are predicated through strict obedience to the laws that have been commanded. This allows us to progress, find happiness, and one day return to the presence of our Father in Heaven. This month we will reflect as a mission on the sacrifices that we have made and must make to overcome the trials and tribulations that are soon at hand in our struggle to become more like He is, The Almighty (Matt. 5:48).

To be perfect even as our Father in Heaven is perfect requires a great amount of sacrifice. As we entered the waters of baptism some time ago, we covenanted with our Father that we would keep his commandments and be willing to take upon ourselves the name of Christ with a determination to serve him to the end (Moro. 6:3).

We need to be observant in sacrificing the things of the world for spiritual strength in keeping the covenants which we have made. As we receive the Priesthood, serve missions, partake of the Sacrament, and enter in the Temples, we must continually reflect on how to offer up sacrifices of righteousness and trust in the Lord (Ps. 4:5).

Moroni gives council: "Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness...then are ye sanctified by the grace of God...which is the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot" (Moro. 10:32-33). A Prophet of the Lord describes exactly what we need to do in this mortal life. The ungodly things of the world are acknowledged within ourselves and the Lord through prayer. By avoiding all ungodliness we can be cleansed through the grace of God, uphold our covenants, and live righteously in mortality.

The Lord promises us as we keep his commandments, we may always have His spirit to be with us. In doing so, He will recognize the sacrifices that we have made and will forgive us of all our shortcomings. The path will be prepared as He helps us escape from this world to return to his Eternal Glory (D&C 132:50).

Eternal life is our goal, living as a disciple of Jesus Christ is our purpose and he that loseth his life for the Savior's sake shall find it. Remember the covenants that you have made!

Keep up the good work, Elders and Sisters, and always be mindful of the law of sacrifice and the mission prayer that will unify and strengthen us.



### "WHITE SLIPS"

Baptismal Records (white slips) are to be completed for the investigator(s) by the missionaries prior to the investigator's baptismal interview. At conclusion of the interview, the DL/ZL is to review the completed Baptismal Record with the potential convert to double check the accuracy and completeness of the record.

The DL/ZL is not to conduct the interview until he has a previously completed Baptismal Record in hand.





# THE MISSION VOICE

"This I say then, 'Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.'"

Galatians 5:16

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"Why the spirit may be willing but the flesh weak."

by President Douglas R. McKinlay

I would like to make two points relative to our theme for this month: First, that the lusts of the flesh are a part of this earthly probation and testing; and second, that the only way to win the internal battle of the spirit versus the flesh is to be in total submission to the will of the Father.

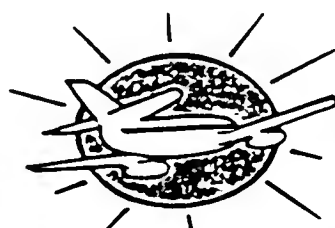
Along our eternal journey there are two testing places; the pre-mortal realm, where we walked by sight (knew with surety right from wrong) and made our decisions while walking in the light. That first testing place, though real, was yet preparatory to this life, and only those who made correct choices were permitted this second estate.

Here, we do not walk by sight but by faith and we are not the "children of

light" unless we choose to be. In mortality, we are tested in the crucible of the flesh, where we are subject to all of the lusts of the flesh. This, of course, makes things more difficult, but with far greater rewards.

Paul's point to the Galatians - and my point here - is that the key to a successful sojourn on earth is to pay attention to the spirit; to literally walk in the spirit, or the light of Christ and thereby avoid the lusts and entanglements of the flesh. This is especially true in your lives now, as ambassadors of the Savior Jesus Christ.

Sister McKinlay and I love you like you would not believe.



DELTA TRANSFER



ARRIVALS  
March 24, 1999

DEPARTURES  
March 24, 1999

Elders:  
Kyle Allen (3/6)  
Christopher Beck  
Iain James  
Ryan Lough  
Ed. Mazal (3/22)  
Justin Paskett  
Stephen Smith  
David Webb

Sisters:  
Ern Smith  
Bethany Stark  
Heather Young  
Medical Transfer:  
D. Santos (3/23)

Elders:  
Chris Bangener  
Michael Cooper  
Thomas Faulk  
Nichlas Hartley  
Dale Kelly  
Anthony Micheli  
A. Murray (3/19)  
Jesse Tschannen  
Kemish Vergara  
Lee Wesberry

Sisters:  
Kathy Genrich  
Elizabeth Jacobs  
Heather Pederson

MASTERY PROGRAM

Perez, M.  
Priddis, T.  
Rawson, C.  
Yanez, J.  
Sisters:  
Allen, C.  
Knowlton, N.  
Stanger, T.  
Robinson, D.  
MASTERED  
Elders:  
Cahan, A.  
Webb, D.  
Sister:  
Bowers, Alison

QUALIFIED

Elders:  
Bailey, N.  
Cross, S.  
Ellis, P.  
Escobedo, C.  
Johnson, M.  
Sisters:  
Dempsey, L.

CERTIFIED

Elders:  
Laszczyk, L.  
Olsen, T.

## March 1999 Baptism Report

Tucson North Goal 25	Actual 12	Gila Valley Goal 18	Actual 4
Z.L. Criser, Johnson	0	Z.L. Rodriguez, Lounsbury	0
D.L. Knight, Goodwin	3	D.L. Paskett, Hall	1
Cojan, Cambell	2	Dansie, Knowlton	2
D.L. Mazal, Bird	3	D.L. Meadows, Santos	1
Stark, Spencer	4	Robinson, Dempsey	0
Walker, Mortensen	0	Lankton, Lee	0
		D.L. Kuntz, Sharp	0
		Averett, Shear	0

Tucson West Goal 18	Actual 4	New Mexico Goal 12	Actual 7
Z.L. Enckson, Johnson	0	Z.L. Wilson, Jordan	1
D.L. Brady, Tapia	3	D.L. Hammond, Cuevas	0
Teasdale, Rignrup	0	Whittaker, Applehans	0
Joyce, Roundy	0	D.L. Looock, Daniel	0
D.L. Lough, Westerguard	1	Walker, Swanson	2
Strong, Averett	0	Cahan, Barrett	1

Tucson Goal 21	Actual 14	Z.L. Archibald, Kay	1
A.P. Beck, Denning	3	Johnson, Dickey	2
A.P. Crockett, Quimby	0	D.L. Wolle, Smallwood	0
Z.L. San Juan, Broadbent	4	Dunton, Bourne	0

Roswell Goal 16	Actual 2
Z.L. Rosa, Eagan	0
D.L. Colvin, Jewkes	0
Fredericks, Cutler	0
D.L. Higbee, Parkin	1
Cronk, Zuniga	1
D.L. James, Hall	0
Zwahlen, Kitchen	0

Tucson East Goal 21	Actual 0	Mt. Franklin Goal 28	Actual 21
Z.L. Lindsay, Harris	0	Z.L. Olsen, King	5
D.L. Roberts, Auma	0	D.L. Oliver, Bobo	1
Foster, Freeman	0	Laszczyk, Ballif	2
D.L. Bushman, Bailey	0	Peterson, Kudman	1
Watkins, Grieve	0	Allen, Hutchings	3
Van Roosendaal, Branham	0	D.L. Perez, Johnson	4
Priddis, Romney	0	Hebert, Heidt	1

Tucson Rincon Goal 21	Actual 8	D.L. Halverson, Harris	2
Z.L. Bradshaw, Herbert	2	Contreras, Campos	1
D.L. Conlin, Palmer	2	Stanger, Duncan	1
Smith, Henderson, Taylor	1		
D.L. Araujo, Stahl	2		
Young, Luben	1		
D.L. Shepherd, Pemberton	0		
Walworth, Huntington	0		

Sierra Vista Goal 15	Actual 13	El Paso Goal 18	Actual 7
Z.L. Seegmuller, Christison	0	Z.L. Webb, Jorgensen,	1
D.L. Taylor, Rawson	1	D.L. Wilson, Ellis	0
Openshaw, McMullin	5	Ferguson, Brown	2
D.L. Povey, Boden	1	Foster, Janes	0
Escobedo, Dewsnup	0	D.L. Navarro, Moultrie	1
D.L. Stryer, Stewart	2	Betz, Ong	0
Comstock, Purves	0	Yanez, Cross	1
Sedgwick, Curley	4	D.L. Allen, Robins	0
		Smith, Whitcomb	2

MISSION TOTAL GOAL: 213  
TOTAL ACTUAL: 92



## APRIL

### Zone Conferences

- 3/29 Tucson East
- 3/30 Rincon
- 3/31 TW and TN
- 4/2 Tucson
- 4/5 Sierra Vista
- 4/6 Gila Valley
- 4/7 NME & W @ LC
- 4/8 Roswell
- 4/9 El Paso & Mt. Franklin

### General Conference

4/3 and 4/4

### Stake Conference

4/25 Safford

### ATM FIRESIDE:

4/18 Tucson: by Elder Andrus on the "Book of Mormon"

Invite investigators.



## HEALTH TIPS

by Sister Andrus

THE HEAT IS ON, and skin cancer is high in the desert southwest. Protect your face and skin all you can. Buy sun screen with SPF 15 or higher (dermatologists recommend "Shade UVA-Guard" by Schering-Plough). Apply to all exposed areas. Respect your body's needs during the hot summer months. Drink 2 quarts of water each day as your internal organs need moisture as well as your skin.

### TAKE CARE OF YOU!



## FLEET COORDINATOR

by Elder Andrus

Elders/Sisters:

Thanks for your faith and prayers during my operation and recovery. You are why I've recovered so rapidly and well. I cannot tell you how much I love all of you.

### REFERRALS

by Sister Baker

Starting April 5 to June 30, media will be offering Books of Mormon (25% of ads), Bibles (25%), Family Answers (25%), Lamb of God (25%), and various tests (5%).



## MONEY MATTERS

by Elder Baker

As a reminder, it's good fiscal policy to keep a running total of your account balance in your check register. If you need an accurate account balance, call 1-800-789-2265 and follow the recorded instructions.

If you have a problem with your card not working, call Treasury Services at 1-800-453-3860, Ext. 3063 to have a new card issued, but that might take a week or so to get a new card to you.

Remember, the magnetic stripe on your card is sensitive to stray magnetic fields, and scratches. Be careful!

Also, watch your back packs! They are being stolen!

## "Walking in the Spirit"

by the Assistants

Elder Nicholas Crockett and Elder Martin Wilson

Last month we focused our studies and directed our thoughts to the essential principle of sacrifice - in keeping the commandments of God. As we sacrifice our will for the Father's, we position ourselves to always walk in the Spirit, "This I say then, 'Walk in the Spirit...' (Galatians 5:16).

As representatives of Jesus Christ, it is especially important that we walk in the Spirit - this is our call and our duty, "...he that is ordained of me and sent forth to preach the word of truth by the comforter, in the Spirit of truth, doth he preach it by the Spirit of truth or by some other way? And if it be by some other way it is not of God." (D&C 50:17-18). Our personal progression and success in the Lord's work is a reflection of our level of spirituality.

It is important to remember that even as members of the Church having received the Gift of the Holy Ghost, that if we are disobedient and do not give heed unto his promptings, the Spirit will withdraw from us, "A man may receive the Holy Ghost, and it may descend upon him and not tarry with him." (D&C 130:23).

We must understand that every decision we make is either a step towards God and his righteousness, or a step backwards - or should we say downwards. A couple of the steps that are taken backwards on a regular basis by missionaries are sleeping in, not praying, not studying,

or simply being slothful - to name only a few. Elders and Sisters, Satan is satisfied with taking us one step at a time, "...thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell." (2 Ne. 28:21)

We must continually be watchful as to which direction our daily decisions lead us. Not one of us is perfect. We each make mistakes and fall short of perfection on a daily basis. So, how can we know despite our short comings if we are walking in the Spirit?

A way to check one's spirituality is to track the number of spiritual experiences (instances in which the Spirit's influence is felt) one has throughout a given day - all of us can, and should feel of the spirit everyday. If we "walk in the Spirit" such experiences will occur throughout the day, beginning with personal and mission prayer in the morning, then in personal and companionship study and so on. It is also helpful to stop and recognize the Spirit when his presence is felt.

We all can and must increase our spirituality through prayer, study, sacrifice, and by striving harder to be more obedient. By so doing we will reach our personal, district, zone, and mission baptism goals. Individually, we will be at peace and we will love our missions. Most significantly, many souls will be brought unto Christ as we "walk in the Spirit."

## MISSIONARIES MEMORIZING DISCUSSIONS

During the March Zone Conferences, President McKinlay and I were thrilled to find so many of you have accepted the challenge to memorize your discussions! We would like to give special recognition to the following missionaries who have gone the extra mile to be effective, powerful teachers!

### Discussion 1

Sisters: Allen, Covington, Young  
Elders: Halverson, Jorgenson, Joshua Wilson, Randy Evans, Eagan, Wollé, Hebert, Roberts, Bushman, Romney, Corrington

### Discussion 2

Sisters: Allen, Covington  
Elders: Halverson, Jorgenson, Joshua Wilson, Randy Evans, Eagan, Hebert, Conlin, Romney, Parkin, Knight, Bushman, Roberts

Prepare now to pass off Discussion 3 with your Zone Leader before zone conference in April. (verbally from memory!) We love you!





# THE GREAT APOSTASY

Alyn B. Andrus

July 19, 1998

## INTRODUCTION

Within my experience, church members and investigators seldom discuss apostasy from the church organized by the Savior during His earthly ministry. Neither do they discuss, much, the apostasy's resultant Protestant Reformation. Yet, I believe a basic knowledge of these historical developments is necessary if we are to understand clearly the position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in relation to history. And, we cannot discuss the apostasy without discussing, specifically, the Roman Catholic Church. So, tonight, we shall discuss the apostasy and early history of the Roman Catholic Church.

Please remember that our intent in discussing the apostasy is not deliberately to assault and demean the Roman Catholic Church. Latter-day Saint missionaries have more to do than spend time criticizing Catholics, Protestants and others. Their mission is to carry the Restored Gospel to the world's people.

So with that in mind, as already indicated, tonight we'll describe briefly and generally how the Catholic Church came to be and, show that it could not possibly have represented Jesus Christ in terms of its teachings, practices and lives lived by its leaders. This will develop background we need to discuss the Protestant Reformation. We need to discuss the Reformation before we can discuss, meaningfully, the restoration of the Gospel.

## APOSTASY DEFINED

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines apostasy as "renunciation of religious faith" or "abandonment of a previous loyalty." The title of this presentation tonight is **THE GREAT APOSTASY**, or the renunciation of "pure religion" as taught and portrayed by the Savior during His earthly ministry, and the abandonment of the church He organized under authority of the Holy Priesthood. This was a "great apostasy" because it preceded the last dispensation of time and was so general, pervasive and complete. Before it ran its course, the Catholic Church reigned supreme, even dictating policy to emperors, and the world languished in spiritual darkness.

The Great Apostasy comprised personal apostasy from the Church, and general apostasy of the Church from the teachings of Christ. But before we tell the story of the Great Apostasy, let's describe briefly the history of apostasy from Adam to the Savior's earthly advent.

## APOSTASY FROM ADAM TO THE MERIDIAN OF TIME

Apostasy from God's church since Adam is evident in the scriptures. Adam received the Priesthood and organized God's church (*Doctrine and Covenants* 107:41). He and his righteous posterity, including Enoch and Noah preached righteousness (*Doctrine and Covenants* 107:42-52), but the forces of wickedness eventually predominated, resulting in a general apostasy from the Church and its teachings. So general was this apostasy, or falling away, that God commanded Noah to build an ark that he and his family might be saved from flood waters by which God intended to cleanse the Earth of wickedness (*Genesis* 6)

Following the Flood, God once more allowed men to exercise the Priesthood and establish His church. For instance, we read of Melchizedek, a "priest of the most High God." He was a righteous king, a "notable prophet and leader," (*Bible Dictionary* p. 730) to whom Abraham paid tithes (*Genesis* 14:18-20) and from whom Abraham received the Priesthood (*Doctrine and Covenants* 84:14-15). So great was Melchizedek that the higher order of Priesthood was named after him to avoid frequent usage of God's name (*Doctrine and Covenants* 107:1-4).

So the Priesthood and God's church continued through Melchizedek, Abraham (*The Book of Abraham* 1:1-4), Isaac, Jacob and Moses (*Doctrine and Covenants* 84:6-29). But after Moses led the Children of Israel from Egypt into Sinai where they complained of their hardships and refused to obey God's commandments, the Melchizedek Priesthood was taken from them. From then till the Meridian of Time when the Savior ministered personally upon Earth, Israel was in a state of apostasy. Some times were better than others depending upon the peoples' willingness to live God's commandments. When they kept the commandments they established themselves in their "promised land" and flourished. When they failed to keep the commandments, they were assailed by Assyrians and Babylonians, were conquered, and removed from their homelands. Apostasy then resulted in a conquering and scattering among their enemies. Their gathering, as predicted, started after sufficient time had elapsed to allow for repentance and a change of heart (*Jeremiah* 16:10-16).

The Savior restored to Earth the Melchizedek Priesthood during His earthly ministry, and gave the right to lead His church, after His departure, to Peter, James and John. This happened on the Mount of Transfiguration (*Matthew 17:1-8*)

## CHRIST'S CHURCH ORGANIZED: THE MERIDIAN OF TIME

The Savior also organized His church with all the Priesthood offices characteristic of that church, calling, ordaining and charging men to fill those offices effectually (*Matthew 28:19-20*). So, in the Bible, we read of deacons (*I Tim. 3:8*), teachers (*Ephesus 4:11-15*), priests (*Mal. 2:7*), elders (*Acts 14:23*), seventies (*Luke 10:1*), high priests (*Heb 5:1, 8-10*), bishops (*I Tim. 3:1-13*), and apostles (*Eph. 4:11-15*).

The apostle Paul wrote why all these priesthood offices are necessary. In a letter to the Ephesian saints, he said:

And he (Christ) gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists (patriarchs); and some, pastors (bishops) and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ (*Ephesians 4:11-15*).

## SCRIPTURAL PREDICTIONS OF THE GREAT APOSTASY

Christ, then, restored the Melchizedek Priesthood to Earth, organized His church under the authority of that priesthood, and appointed men to carry on His work after He should depart. But Christ also knew, as did His apostles, that apostasy would destroy the Church and corrupt the Priesthood. Before he came to Earth as a mortal, he predicted through His prophet, Isaiah, the Great Apostasy. Isaiah wrote:

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws (God's laws), changed the ordinance (baptism), broken the everlasting covenant (the Gospel).

Therefore hath the curse (spiritual darkness) devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate (without the Holy Spirit)...(*Isaiah 24:5-6*)

How do we know Isaiah's prophecy described the Great Apostasy? Because the "everlasting covenant" (the Gospel) was not on Earth before Christ's earthly ministry.

Through His prophet Amos, the Lord said:

Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord;

And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it (*Amos 8:11-12*).

Jesus, himself, warned His disciples to be wary lest they be deceived. He said, speaking of the days preceding His second coming:

Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many...Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets...(*Matthew 24:4-5, 23-24*).

Apostle Paul, speaking to the Ephesian elders, said:

Take heed, therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them (*Acts 20:28-30*).

Paul also warned Timothy of an apostasy. He wrote:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth  
(1 Timothy 4:1-3).

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul wrote:

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

Finally, Paul wrote the Thessalonian saints, warning them not to believe that Christ's second coming was imminent. He said:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

The Apostle Peter, along with Paul, wrote of an apostasy. He warned the saints of his day:

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment...and...damnation slumbereth not (2 Peter 2:1-3).

To me, this means that church leaders would sell forgiveness of sins for money, and would be judged and damned by God for doing so.

Now, to show that the apostasy of which we are speaking was worldwide, we must consider the words of a prophet named Alma who lived in the western hemisphere among God's people. Alma predicted:

Behold, I perceive that this very people, the Nephites, according to the spirit of revelation which is in me, in four hundred years from the time that Jesus Christ shall manifest himself unto them, shall dwindle in unbelief.

Yea, and then shall they see wars and pestilences, yea, famines and bloodshed, even until the people of Nephi shall become extinct--

Yea, and this because they shall dwindle in unbelief and fall into the works of darkness, and lasciviousness, and all manner of iniquities; yea, I say unto you, that because they shall sin against so great light and knowledge, yea, I say unto you, that from that day, even the fourth generation shall not pass away before this great iniquity shall come (Alma 45:10-12).

The scriptures, then, to the sincere truthseeker, leave little, if any, doubt about a general apostasy from the Lord's way, following the Meridian of Time. So now, we must trace the development of that apostasy.

## THE ROMAN PEACE AND CHRISTIANITY

When the Savior was born, Rome ruled the Mediterranean world. Fortunately, the Savior's birth occurred during the Pax Romana (the Roman Peace), a period of approximately 200 years when the Roman Empire was relatively free from internal strife and conflict. This permitted the Savior to carry out His earthly mission unhampered by Roman influence, and allowed Him to organize His church with all the Priesthood offices that characterize that church today.

After the Savior's crucifixion and ascension into heaven, the apostles worked tirelessly to establish His church. It spread rapidly throughout the Roman Empire until by the end of the



First Century, Christianity was active in about fifty locations around the Mediterranean. It may have flourished even more had Christians not been persecuted.

## PERSECUTION OF THE CHRISTIANS

Early Christians were persecuted first, not by Romans, but by Jews. Early Christian persecutions were nothing more than a family fight in which Orthodox Jews went after Christian Jews in an attempt to wipe out this vigorous new religion, this spiritual cancer which threatened time-worn, traditional Judaism. Jews considered Christians to be heretics, and reported them to Roman officials as trouble-makers.

Eventually, Romans took action and in several general persecutions attempted to wipe out Christianity. These took place between about 64 and 305 A.D. The first Roman persecution was launched by Emperor Nero in 64 A.D. In that year, fire devastated a large section of Rome. Some think Nero and his friends started the conflagration during one of their "drunken orgies." And to divert suspicion from himself, Nero accused the Christians and ordered them to be executed in "public spectacles." Many consequently were apprehended, hoisted on poles, covered with pitch and set on fire. The story circulates that the road to Nero's palace was lighted at night by hundreds of flaming Christian bodies.

Another form of persecution was to use Christians as gladiators in the arena for the entertainment of exuberant Roman spectators. In many instances the Christians, men, women and children, were forced into the arena unarmed to face certain death by means of wild beasts.

In 249 AD, Emperor Decius ordered the extermination of Christians and Christianity. Thereafter thousands were slain. Some were crucified. Others were burned at the stake. And still others met death in the arena. Decius and other emperors found, however, that persecution tended to mold Christians into a more cohesive body and helped them develop the tenacity to protect their religious convictions against persecution regardless of the cost. Also, as time passed sympathetic pagans began to hide and protect Christians from their persecutors. So Christians and Christianity were still around when Constantine the Great launched his bid for the Emperorship.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

By the early Fourth Century, Rome's emperors were throned and dethroned by means of civil war. Warring factions were legion throughout the Empire, each attempting to place its leader in power. Time, energy and resources expended in these ceaseless struggles to gain control of the government was a terrible waste contributing to Rome's decline and disintegration.

During this period, a powerful contender for Rome's throne was Constantine, later known as Constantine the Great. In 312, before engaging in the battle that would put him in the Emperor's chair, he reportedly saw a cross in the sky showing the words, "Conquer by this sign." The cross, of course, represented Christianity. So after victory, Constantine issued a decree granting complete religious toleration to Christians. This was issued from Milan, Italy in 313, and is known as the Milan Decree.

At this time, Christians comprised about ten percent of Rome's population, but after the decree their numbers increased rapidly. Moreover, on his deathbed Constantine became a Christian. Finally, his successor, Theodosius, in 392, officially abolished all religions within the Empire except Christianity. This, then, made Christianity an established religion. Rome now had a state church, the Roman Catholic Church, or the universal church of Rome.

While Christianity fought to exist during the early years of its history, the apostles were lost to the Church. They met for the last time as a quorum in 49 AD. Thereafter, their travels scattered them throughout the Mediterranean world. They were persecuted and eventually put to death along with thousands of other Christians. Peter and Paul, for example, reportedly were crucified in Rome during Nero's persecution. Without them and the other apostles, of course, the Church was leaderless at the highest level. In time, without the unifying influence of the Quorum of the Twelve, a contest for power and prestige developed between bishops in the larger Mediterranean communities. The Gospel as taught by the Savior was corrupted, ordinances were changed, and Christianity, though Christ-centered, was in a state of apostasy. As already indicated, apostles Paul and Peter had foreseen this.

After Christianity became Rome's state religion, the contest for leadership centered upon the bishops of Rome and Constantinople. Constantinople was a new city in Asia Minor built in honor of Constantine the Great. Ultimately, the bishop of Rome won this contest when a decree, published by a church council which met at Constantinople, said the Bishop of

Constantinople was to have the "prerogative of honor" after the bishop of Rome. With this decree, the bishop of Rome was recognized by all other bishops as primary leader in the Roman Catholic Church. By tradition, he was believed to have been ordained by the Apostle Peter and was thought to exercise the same priesthood keys Peter exercised. So, the bishop of Rome became, by decree, the father, the papa, or the pope of the Church. But the history of the Roman Catholic papacy casts serious doubt on the authority and right of the popes to rule as God's representatives on Earth.

## THE PAPACY CONDEMNS ITSELF

For example, in 1303, at the time of his election, Clement was ill and Rome was marked by political turmoil in which battles were fought in its streets and mobs ranged throughout the city. Rome was not a safe place in which to live. So, Clement elected to stay in France. He indicated his residence there would be temporary, but he and those who followed remained in France for over 70 years. This was a difficult time for the Church, and is known in history as the "Babylonian Captivity." It reminded scholars, such as Francesco Petrarca who came up with the designation, of Judah's conquest and captivity by the Babylonians under King Nebuchadnezzar nearly 600 years before Christ's birth. In this instance, the popes, and in a larger sense the Church, had been taken captive by the King of France.

As a matter of fact, this perception enjoyed some validity. Italians, Germans, Englishmen and others were disturbed considerably by the thought that popes were controlled by French kings. So a rift developed within the Church which ultimately was known as the "Great Schism."

The Schism was encouraged by the way in which popes indulged themselves in luxuries of palatial living. In fact, a grand papal palace was built at Avignon which can be visited today by interested tourists. This required heavy taxes, and the Avignon popes were considered by many throughout the Church as worldly, grasping spenders who aggrandized themselves at the expense of those for whom they were expected to provide spiritual leadership.

Finally, in 1378 sixteen cardinals met to elect a successor to Pope Gregory XI. Under intense pressure by Italians, the Cardinals elected an Italian pope who took the title Urban VI. Eventually, however, some of these cardinals doubted the wisdom of their choice when they perceived Urban to be insane. He was self-serving, uncompromising, verbally abusive and a power hungry leader who organized armies and declared war on those he considered to be his

enemies. So a new college of cardinals met, abrogated the election of Urban and elected a new pope who took the title Clement VII. Urban, however, refused to relinquish the papacy, organized a new college of cardinals, and excommunicated Clement and his appointees. The situation became "increasingly scandalous when the rival popes raised armies to attack and defeat each other." Ultimately, a general council of the Church assembled in Pisa, Italy to bring the Schism to an end. This council deposed both popes and elected another who was known as Alexander V. This action only aggravated matters for neither of the deposed popes would step aside. So, there were now three popes instead of two. This breach in papal authority was not healed until 1414. It had endured 36 years. The question, of course, is which pope had the authority. Through which pope was the priesthood perpetuated? Some scholars say the Great Schism rocked the Church to its foundation. Whether that is true or not, Catholics are reluctant to discuss it.

Another development that subtracts from the popes as God's spiritual leaders on Earth involves the sale of indulgences as authorized by Pope Leo X in the Sixteenth Century. The sale of indulgences was based on the idea that Saints had accumulated a considerable reservoir of merit by virtue of their righteous deeds. Theoretically, this accumulation of merit measured far in excess of what the Saints needed to secure their own salvation. Thus, upon papal authorization, merit could be purchased with money by those who were wealthy enough to afford the purchase. The sale of indulgences really got out of hand when money was collected for sins not yet committed.

John Tetzel, a Catholic priest, was the most zealous agent of the popes in selling indulgences. In fact, Tetzel boasted that

he had saved more souls from hell by his indulgences than St. Peter had converted to Christianity by his preaching. He assured the purchasers of them, their crimes, however enormous, would be forgiven (Talmage, *The Great Apostasy*, p. 137).

Most of the money collected by Tetzel from the sale of indulgences was given to the popes to help build St. Peter's Basilica, the papal palace in Rome. The popes were happy to have this lucrative source of revenue for they always needed more money to finance their building projects and sustain palatial living. Indeed, they seemed to be more interested in accumulating wealth than in attending to the spiritual needs of those over whom they presided. And this, among other practices such as celibacy, baptism by sprinkling and transubstantiation,

was what motivated reformers such as Martin Luther to oppose the Papacy and break with the Church.

This was certainly a dark age for the Christian world. God's spirit seemed to have left men to find their own way. Revelation to the Church through a quorum of twelve apostles had ceased long ago. The Church was now administered by ecumenical councils in much the same way as a state is governed by legislative assembly. Doctrine was developed through debate and compromise just as laws are developed and passed by legislative process. An example of this is the Nicene Creed, developed by a church council under Constantine's direction in 325. Powerful church factions were disputing over the nature of God and the godhead. So the dispute was ended by the Creed, after prolonged debate and considerable compromise. It was issued from ~~Nice in southern France~~, and stated:

*Nicaea in Asia Minor*

We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty, the maker of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father, only begotten (that is) of the substance of the Father; God of God, Light of Light; very God of very God; begotten not made; of the same substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, that are in heaven and that are in earth; who for us men and for our salvation, descended and was incarnate, and became man; suffered and rose again the third day, ascended into the heavens and will come to judge the living and the dead; and in the Holy Spirit. (Talmage, *The Great Apostasy*, p. 103)

By contrast, consider the description of God and the godhead given by Joseph Smith in 1843 and recorded in the *Doctrine and Covenants* 130:22,

The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us.

Apostle James E. Talmage, a scholar in the L.D.S. Church, wrote of the Nicene creed:

The consistent, simple and authentic doctrine respecting the character and attributes of God, such as was taught by Christ and the apostles, gave way as revelation ceased, and as the darkness incident to the absence of divine authority fell upon the world, after the apostles and the Priesthood had been driven from the earth, and in its place appeared numerous theories and dogmas of men, many of which are utterly

incomprehensible in their inconsistency and mysticism (Talmage, *The Articles of Faith*, pp. 42-43).

But this is not all. The personal lives of some popes desecrated any priesthood they claimed, and violated the goodness people expected to see in spiritual leaders. So now, let's read about the personal lives of some who have occupied the papal chair. I'm reading from a book entitled *Intellectual Development of Europe* by J.W. Draper. Draper wrote:

On the death of Pope Paul I, who had attained the pontificate A.D. 757, the Duke of Nepi compelled some bishops to consecrate Constantine, one of his brothers, as pope; but more legitimate electors subsequently, A.D. 766, choosing Stephen IV, the usurper and his adherents were severely punished; the eyes of Constantine were put out; the tongue of the Bishop Theodorus was amputated, and he was left in a dungeon to expire in the agonies of thirst. . . . In the course of five years, from A.D. 896 to A.D. 900, five popes were consecrated. Leo V, who succeeded in A.D. 904, was in less than two months, thrown into prison by Christopher, one of his chaplains, who usurped his place, and who, in his turn, was shortly expelled from Rome by Sergius III, who, by the aid of a military force, seized the pontificate, A.D. 905. This man, according to the testimony of the times, lived in criminal intercourse with the celebrated prostitute Theodora, who with her daughters Marozia and Theodora, also prostitutes, exercised an extraordinary control over him. The love of Theodora was also shared by John X. . . . By the love of Theodora, as was said, he had maintained himself in the papacy for fourteen years; by the intrigues and hatred of her daughter, Marozia, he was overthrown. She surprised him in the Lateran Palace; killed his brother Peter before his face; threw him into prison, where he soon died, smothered, as was asserted, with a pillow. After a short interval, Marozia made her own son pope as John XI, A.D. 931. Many affirmed that Pope Sergius was his father, but she herself inclined to attribute him to her husband, Alberic. . . .

After such details it is almost needless to allude to the annals of succeeding popes; to relate that John XIII was strangled in prison; that Boniface VII imprisoned Benedict VII and killed him by starvation; that John XIV was secretly put to death in the dungeons of the Castle of St. Angelo; that the corpse of Boniface was dragged by the populace through the streets. . . . It seemed impossible that things could become worse; yet Rome had still to see Benedict IX, A.D. 1033, a boy of less than twelve years, raised to the apostolic throne. Of this pontiff, one of his successors, Victor III, declared that



his life was so shameful, so foul, so execrable, that he shuddered to describe it. He ruled like a captain of banditti rather than a prelate. The people at last, unable to bear his adulteries, homicides, and abominations any longer, rose against him. In despair of maintaining his position, he put up the papacy at auction. It was bought by presbyter named John, who became Gregory VI, A.D. 1045. (Quoted in Talmage, *The Great Apostasy*, pp. 144-148)

Now, I don't mean to offend anyone. And I am sure we could find graft and corruption in any religious organization if we investigated closely enough. But usually we would not find it to the extent indicated by the quote just read, especially among the top leaders. The Roman Catholic Church, as indicated, claims divine authority transmitted through its papacy from Peter to the present day. Yet any claim to that authority has been called into question by the history of the Papacy.

So, in summary what do we have? We have seen how Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. We have seen how bishops in the early church competed for power and how the Bishop of Rome eventually was recognized as Pope of the Church. We have also seen that the popes established temporary residence in France and brought about suspicions and jealousies that culminated in a great schism which rocked the Church for about thirty years. During this schism, there were always two popes and at one time three, and each pope excommunicated his opponents, then attempted to establish his power by means of mercenary armies. Finally, we have seen how the popes initiated and supported pernicious doctrines such as the sale of indulgences to increase papal revenue, and how some popes stole, murdered and committed adultery in order to retain the papal chair and sate the desires of the flesh.

Now, what does all this have to do with the position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? To define meaningfully that position, we must consider the Protestant Reformation.

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# THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

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## REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

In last month's fireside, we discussed the Great Apostasy and early history of the Roman Catholic Church. We first discussed the history of apostasy from Adam to Christ's earthly ministry. We then discussed the Great Apostasy which followed Christ's earthly ministry.

During the Great Apostasy, Christianity became the Roman Empire's official religion. We indicated how bishops in the early church competed for power, and how the bishop of Rome eventually was recognized as pope of the Church. We learned that French popes established temporary residence in France, generating suspicions and jealousies that culminated in a great western schism which rocked the Church for about thirty years. During this schism, there were always two popes, and at one time three. Each pope excommunicated his opponents, then attempted to establish power by means of mercenary armies. We learned that popes initiated and supported pernicious doctrines, such as the sale of indulgences, to increase papal revenue. Finally, we learned that some popes stole, murdered and committed adultery to retain the papal chair and sate the desires of the flesh.

The Great Apostasy was indeed a dark age for the Christian world. God's spirit seemed to have left men to find their own way. Isaiah, the prophet had seen this and predicted it when he wrote:

Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry; they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers, hath he covered.  
(Isaiah 29:9-10)

In view of such spiritual darkness and papal history, then, is there any justifiable reason to question why courageous churchmen protested against administrative procedures, abuses of papal power, corrupting of church doctrine, and violating moral standards? Understanding this helps us understand why these men attempted to reform the Catholic Church along apostolic lines? In this lecture and discussion tonight we'll get acquainted with some of these reformers, and see how they prepared the way for a restoration of the Gospel and Priesthood.

## PROTESTANT REFORMERS

John Wyclif of England was a Roman Catholic priest who was born in 1329. He translated the Bible from Latin into English, believing Englishmen should be able to read the Bible in their own language and interpret the scriptures for themselves rather than hear the Bible read in Latin and have it interpreted for them by a clergy who, he thought, was growing corrupt. Wyclif, in fact, thought that popes were too worldly, seeking wealth rather than the spiritual welfare of those over whom they presided as God's representatives on Earth. Consequently, he preached that the king of England by divine right had jurisdiction over physical property, and the Church should relinquish to the king its right to all land claimed in England. The king, of course, liked this doctrine and protected Wyclif from arrest and probable execution by the Church. Consequently, Wyclif lived to be 55 years old. He died in 1384 from a stroke, but not before he denounced his vows as a priest, married a nun and fathered children.

The pope, undoubtedly, was happy to see Wyclif go. Feelings of the Church toward Wyclif were manifest 30 years following his death when his body was disinterred and his remains burned. His ashes were cast into a river lest his followers gain possession of them and make him a martyr to God's cause.

Wyclif's idea that every Christian was free to interpret the Bible for himself or herself led peasants to demand rights that the king had not been willing to give. This led to a peasant's revolt in England in 1381 which ultimately resulted in serious economic and social adjustments. That is, Feudalism and Manorialism (Europe's economic, political and social systems) collapsed, and the Protestant Reformation ultimately became a powerful movement which not only stripped the Roman Catholic Church of power, but changed the whole world.

John Hus of Bohemia (Czechoslovakia today) was also a Roman Catholic priest who was born in 1369. Hus was influenced by Wyclif's ideas. He taught at the University of Prague and as a professor enjoyed considerable influence. So the ideas of John Wyclif were disseminated throughout Germany by John Hus. Hus, however, was not as fortunate as Wyclif. The same council which met in 1414 to end the Great Western Schism, also ordered that Hus be burned at the stake as a heretic. Hus was arrested and burned as ordered. He was 45 years old.

The death of John Hus demonstrates how powerful and corrupt the Catholic Church had become. It was sufficiently corrupt that whenever possible, it compelled

its members to comply with its procedures and doctrines by threat of death. The scriptures teach us that God does not operate that way.

Both Wyclif and Hus were precursors of later reformers such as Martin Luther of Germany. Some scholars, in fact, believe the Protestant Reformation began with Luther.

Martin Luther was born in Saxony (Germany) in 1483. He was the second son of an ambitious and hardworking copper miner named Hans Luther who intended that his son become a lawyer. So Martin was sent to the University of Erfurt. But he was not happy there. The study of law did not appeal to him. Then one day he experienced a terrible thunderstorm and was terrified that he might be struck by lightning. He asked God to protect him, and vowed he would give his life to God and God's cause. So without consulting his father, he entered the monastery at Erfurt. That was in 1505. Two years later (1507) he was ordained a priest, and after additional study earned his doctoral degree.

From 1512 to 1546, Luther was professor of scripture at the University of Wittenberg. Luther was a devout Catholic and student of the scriptures. He observed strictly his monastic vows, but his conscience troubled him constantly. The history book says, "He had terrible anxieties about sin and worried continually about his salvation. Luther intensified his monastic observances, but still found no peace of mind." (McKay, *A History of World Societies*, p. 537) Gradually, through his study of Paul's letters, he developed the belief that "salvation comes not from external observances and penances but through a simple faith in Christ. Faith is the means by which God sends humanity his grace, and faith is a free gift that cannot be earned." (McKay, *A History of World Societies*, p. 537).

So Martin Luther came to oppose the sale of indulgences and papal authority which allowed and encouraged such practice. In fact, Luther wrote: "Why does not the Pope, whose riches are at this day more ample than those of the wealthiest of the wealthy, build the one Basilica of St. Peter's with his own money, rather than with that of poor believers.?" (McKay, *A History of World Societies*, p. 538).

To advertise and disseminate his ideas, and to protest against church practice and wealth, Luther wrote out and nailed to the Church door of the University of Wittenberg, 95 propositions. These were called his *Ninety Five Theses*. They were read, discussed and widely disseminated. The central idea in the theses was an absence in the scriptures of any authority for the sale of indulgences as practiced by

the Catholic Church. In the theses, Luther also denied papal power to authorize such a practice.

The Papacy, of course condemned the *Ninety Five Theses* and gave Martin Luther 60 days in which to recant and repent or be excommunicated. Luther retaliated by publicly burning the papal letter. This was January 3, 1521, and by many scholars is held to be the commencement of the Protestant Reformation.

Luther was tried by a council of the church at Worms in southern Germany. He was found guilty of heresy and ordered to repent, but he responded by saying:

Unless I am convinced by the evidence of Scripture or by plain reason--for I do not accept the authority of the Pope or the councils alone, since it is established that they have often erred and contradicted themselves--I am bound by the scriptures I have cited and my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. God help me. Amen. (McKay, *A History of World Societies*, p. 538).

Luther, as an enemy of the Roman Catholic Church, was unprotected and vulnerable to arrest and execution. But he was not arrested nor executed because he was protected by his friend, the powerful Prince of Saxony. In fact, he lived out his life and died from natural causes in 1546. Before he died, he married a nun named Katherine von Bora. She gave birth to several children by Luther. She and Luther were happy in their marriage and enjoyed their children. So Luther rejected the idea of celibacy and renounced his priestly vows. He wrote to a young man, "Dear lad, be not ashamed that you desire a girl, nor you my maid, the boy. Just let it lead you into matrimony and not into promiscuity, and it is no more cause for shame than eating and drinking." (McKay, *A History of World Societies*, p. 541).

So, Martin Luther was far in advance of his time in terms of what the Roman Catholic Church taught and most believed. But as his ideas spread throughout Germany, people generally liked them, adopted them, and eventually organized a church based on them. This, of course was the Lutheran Church, which, at first, was called simply the Protestant Church because it represented a protest against the teachings, doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. In time, as more churches were organized, they, too, were known as protestant churches.

So inspired were the peasants by Luther's teachings, particularly those that gave personal freedom to read and interpret scripture, they organized a revolt against



both church and secular authority in 1525. The revolt was severely crushed by powerful German princes. But it was a portent of the future. Never again would either church or prince feel secure in authority and power over the minds of subjects.

Martin Luther gave impetus to the Reformation which began with such men as John Wyclif and John Hus. Following Luther, a plethora of religious organizations were born throughout the western world. In fact, by 1555:

. . . much of northern Europe had broken with the Roman Catholic church. All of Scandinavia, England, Scotland, and self-governing cities such as Geneva and Zurich in Switzerland and Strasbourg in Germany had rejected the religious authority of Rome and adopted new faiths...The most significant new form of Protestantism was Calvinism....(McKay, *A History of World Societies*, p. 545)

John Calvin, a Frenchman, was born in 1509 and died at the age of 55 in 1564. He studied law, but in 1533 was invited to Geneva, Switzerland to help reorganize the city's government. He experienced a spiritual reawakening and rebirth which transformed him from Catholic to Protestant. Out of this religious experience came the motivation to write a book entitled the *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. It was published in 1559 and provided the doctrinal foundation for Protestantism.

Calvin believed in the "absolute sovereignty and omnipotence of God and the total weakness of humanity." He believed that men and women are as "insignificant as grains of sand." According to one source,

Calvin did not ascribe free will to human beings because free will would detract from the sovereignty of God. Calvin maintained that men and women cannot actively work to achieve salvation; rather, God in his infinite wisdom decided at the beginning of time who would be saved and who damned. This viewpoint constitutes the theological principle called 'predestination'...Calvin maintained that although individuals can not know whether they will be saved...good works are a sign of election (of being in favor with God). In any case, people should concentrate on worshiping God and doing his work and not waste time worrying about whether they will receive salvation. (McKay, *A History of World Societies*, p. 546)

Calvin, and his religious philosophy, stressed that to please God one should work hard, live frugally, scrupulously keep God's commandments and admonish others to do likewise. Any who refused to follow such admonition were to be

punished, and, if necessary, driven from Christian society, otherwise they might corrupt the whole.

Calvinism spread throughout Switzerland, the Netherlands, Scotland, and took root in England. In Scotland, under the severe and effective leadership of John Knox, it became intertwined with Scotland's drive for independence from France. Eventually, it was known as Presbyterianism and became Scotland's state religion. The Netherlands, too, adopted Calvinism during its drive to separate from Spain. In England, Calvinism was known as Puritanism. It never became dominant in England, but eventually spread to North America where it provided a foundation for the American Revolution, and the notion that free men (that is those who are free within the church) should govern themselves and determine their own collective destiny.

As indicated, Puritanism took root in England and at times was a powerful influence in English history, particularly during the 1600s under the leadership of Oliver Cromwell. But England's state church was the Church of England established by the request of King Henry VIII under authority of England's parliament.

About the time Luther was excommunicated from the Catholic Church in Germany, King Henry VIII broke with the pope over the issue of divorce. Henry's elder brother, Arthur, died before their father, Henry VII, did. Until he died, Arthur was in line for the throne, and Henry was prepared for a career in the Church. His father had brought him up in an "atmosphere of learning." He learned Latin, French and Italian. He was expert in theology. He wrote essays defending the Catholic faith and was designated by the Pope, "defender of the faith." He loved music and sports. He excelled in tennis. He was a big fellow and impressed both men and women with his size and competence.

When Arthur died, Henry married his widow, Catherine of Aragon, a Spanish princess. The only child who lived to which Catherine gave birth was a little girl name Mary. After 18 years of marriage to Catherine, Henry became dissatisfied. He had no son to bear his name and keep the Tudor family on England's throne. Besides, he had fallen in love with Anne Boleyn, an attendant to the Queen.

When Henry asked the Pope for a divorce, he was refused, probably because a Spanish army was in Rome at the time, and the Pope feared Spain's army more than England's king. So Henry proceeded on his own. He asked England's Archbishop of Canterbury (England's highest ranking ecclesiastical authority) to grant the divorce. He then asked Parliament to pass the *Act of Supremacy* which declared the King

supreme head of the Catholic Church in England. This legislative act bestowed on the king all papal titles, rights, and income. Englishmen were required to take an oath supporting Henry as head of the Church. Some, such as Sir Thomas More, the King's first minister, refused and were executed.

So, Henry VIII became head of the English Church by legislative decree. He exercised vigorous control over the Church of England, as did those who followed him. Today the head of that church is Queen Elizabeth II. When English congregations worship on a Sunday morning, they sing praises to their queen, theoretically head of both church and state. The Church of England, then, was born of a love affair, but was part of the Protest Movement.

Now, how does all this relate to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

## RESTORATION OF THE GOSPEL AND PRIESTHOOD

In our lecture and discussion last month involving the apostasy, we said the priesthood, at the highest institutional level, was lost to the world when the Quorum of Twelve Apostles ceased to lead the Church. Now, if the Priesthood, which is the authority by which the Church governs in God's name and the power which validates the saving ordinances of the Gospel, was lost to the world, it could not be brought back through a reformation. A reformation implies reforming what was already here. If the Priesthood was not here, it could not be manifest through a reformation, regardless of how sweeping that reformation might be. Rather, the Priesthood could be manifest only through a restoration. So, the question was not: "Would a reformation be adequate?" But rather: "Would there be a restoration of the Priesthood and Gospel, and if so, where and when would it be?" In answering these questions, we must start with the *Book of Mormon*.

In *I Nephi* chapter 13, verses 12 through 19, the Lord revealed to Nephi, an ancient American prophet, some remarkably clear and definitive history relating to the United States and its people. Nephi wrote:

And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles, who was separated from the seed of my brethren by the many waters; and I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and wrought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, who were in the promised land.

And it came to pass that I beheld the Spirit of God, that it wrought upon other Gentiles; and they went forth out of captivity, upon the many waters.

And it came to pass that I beheld many multitudes of the Gentiles upon the land of promise; and I beheld the wrath of God, that it was upon the seed of my brethren; and they were scattered before the Gentiles and were smitten.

And I beheld the Spirit of the Lord, that it was upon the Gentiles and they did prosper and obtained the land for their inheritance; and I beheld that they were white, and exceedingly fair and beautiful, like unto my people before they were slain. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord and the power of the Lord was upon them.

And I beheld that their mother Gentiles were gathered together upon the waters, and upon the land also, to battle against them.

And I beheld that the power of God was with them, and also that the wrath of God was upon all those that were gathered together against them to battle.

And I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles that had gone out of captivity were delivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations.

In I Nephi 13:12-19, the Lord declared the United States of America to be a "land of promise" which, through His power, would be "delivered...out of the hands of all other nations." There in that land, those whom He would bring would establish themselves under a constitution which would allow them the freedom to worship as they chose. This freedom is what made this land choice above all other lands. It would hold out the promise of not only material blessings, but, more importantly, spiritual blessings, including exaltation in God's kingdom through His church.

So, by 1820 when Joseph Smith, a 15 year-old boy, retired to a grove of trees to ask God which church to join, all was in place for a restoration of the Gospel and Priesthood. The land was right. The time was right. And God revealed Himself once more to men and women on Earth.

So now, the restoration brings us to a revealing and powerful definition of the position of the Latter-day Saint Church in relation to the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. In the early years of this century, Apostle Orson F. Whitney wrote a pamphlet entitled *The Strength of the Mormon Position*. In it, he related the following incident:

Many years ago a learned man, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, came to Utah and spoke from the stand of the Salt Lake Tabernacle. I became well-acquainted with him, and we conversed freely and frankly. A great scholar, with perhaps a dozen languages at his tongue's end, he seemed to know all about theology, law, literature, science and philosophy.

One day he said to me: "You Mormons are all ignoramuses. You don't even know the strength of your own position. It is so strong that there is only one other tenable in the whole Christian world, and that is the position of the Catholic Church. The issue is between Catholicism and Mormonism. If we are right, you are wrong; if you are right, we are wrong; and that's all there is to it. The Protestants haven't a leg to stand on. For, if we are wrong, they are wrong with us, since they were a part of us and went from us; while if we are right, they are apostates whom we cut off long ago. If we have the apostolic succession from St. Peter, as we claim, there is no need of Joseph Smith and Mormonism; but if we have not that succession, then such a man as Joseph Smith was necessary, and Mormonism's attitude is the only consistent one. It is either the perpetuation of the gospel from ancient times, or the restoration of the gospel in latter days. (As quoted in LeGrande Richards, *A Marvelous Work and a Wonder*, p. 3)

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, then, the Great Apostasy established that the Catholic Church is not God's church. Neither are the Protestant churches, because a priesthood and gospel which were lost to the world could not be reformed, but would have to be restored.

My testimony is that the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Priesthood were restored to Earth and, since then, have been administered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the eternal blessing of mankind. Furthermore, my testimony is that any who want to know this for themselves can know it by sincerely asking God.





# *Translations of the Bible*

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First, we must remember that the Bible is not a book that was composed by writers who passed it down from one generation to another as the Book of Mormon was. The Bible, rather, is a book composed of many separate parts, or books, written by different writers at different times in Hebrew and Jewish history. Thus, its books don't follow necessarily in any chronological order or time sequence. The sequential order of the Bible's books was determined arbitrarily by scholars who lived long after the books had been written. Also, the Bible's books are not the only books written by God's prophets and writers. How many other there might be outside the Bible, I suppose, no one knows for certain. But there are many others that, for one reason or another, were not accepted by the Roman Catholic Church and later Protestant churches. Many of these were published in a book called the "Apocrypha," which means writings of "doubtful authenticity or authorship." But just because the authenticity or authorship of these writing is doubted does not mean they are invalid as God's revelations to Mankind.

Second, we must also realize that each time a Bible book was re-written, it lost some of its original meaning. The more times a record is translated and transcribed, the further it gets from its original meaning. That is why Joseph Smith said, "We believe the Bible to be the word of God so far as it is translated correctly." And that is exactly why Joseph Smith undertook to re-interpret the Bible. Also, that is why the Book of Mormon is so useful. It discusses those "plain and precious" truths left out of the Bible either by mistake or deliberate intent. Many modern scholars today believe that early Bible scholars such as Jerome, for example, deliberately left out information during translation to promote a point of view. In other words, the Bible has in it "managed-information." This, of course, invalidates the Bible as pure revelation from God.

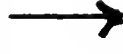
Third, given what I've just written, why does the Church accept the King James Version of the Bible and teach from it? I think that is because, even though it was a later edition, it was researched and written by English scholars and became wide-spread throughout the world among Christians. We use it, then, because it is a wide-spread standard of God's story and teachings. Otherwise, we would probably use the Joseph Smith Translation of the Bible.

Fourth, what does all this mean for the Book of Mormon? The Book of Mormon was abridged by Mormon and interpreted by Joseph Smith. Since both were God's prophets, the abridgement and the interpretation were inspired by God. Thus, there are no mistakes in the Book of Mormon relative to the message God wants Mankind to have. That is why the Book of Mormon is such a powerful witness of the Lord Jesus Christ and His mission. All we need to do is get people to read it, and it will convert the sincere investigator by itself through the power of the Holy Ghost.

## TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE

The Old Testament was translated from Hebrew into Greek during the third century B.C. It was known as the *Septuagint* because it was supposedly translated by 70 scholars.

William Tyndale translated the Bible from Greek into English in A.D. 1525.



English translations of the Bible from 1535 to 1611 include the following:

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Matthew's Bible,

Taverner's Bible

The Great Bible,

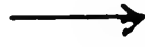
The Geneva Bible,

The Bishop's Bible, and

The King James Translation.

These were translated from Tyndale's Bible.

A Bible scholar named Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew into Latin in A.D. 405. This is known as the *Vulgate*.



The Gutenberg Bible was translated from Latin into English in A.D. 420, and was printed in 1456 with movable type in Johann Gutenberg's printing shop.

John Wycliffe translated the Bible into English from Jerome's *Latin Vulgate* in 1384.

**THE RESTORATION**  
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**THE NEED FOR A RESTORATION**

In our lecture and discussion last month concerning the Protestant Reformation, we said that when the Quorum of Twelve Apostles failed to meet as a quorum, Priesthood authority, organization and power, manifest in Christ's church, were lost to the world. From then on, the Church found its own way, eventually becoming the Roman Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that before Peter was crucified, he gave authority to lead the Church to the bishop of Rome who became pope of the Church. Catholics believe the Priesthood has been passed from that person to each succeeding pope down to the present time.

So the question is: Are the Catholics right in teaching there has been an unbroken line of priesthood transmission from Peter to Pope John Paul? Or is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints right in teaching that the Priesthood was lost to the world when the Quorum of Twelve Apostles ceased to meet. If the Catholics are right, then there is no need of a restoration. But if they are wrong, then a restoration was necessary because reformation implies reforming what is already in place. If the Priesthood, with its power to validate Gospel ordinances, was not on Earth, then it could not be manifest through a reformation, regardless of how sweeping that reformation might be. Rather, it could be manifest only through a restoration. As a Catholic once said: "If we have the apostolic succession from St. Peter, as we claim, there is no need of Joseph Smith and Mormonism; but if we have not that succession, then such a man as Joseph Smith was necessary, and Mormonism's attitude is the only consistent one. It is either the perpetuation of the gospel from ancient times, or the restoration of the gospel in latter days." (As quoted in Richards, *A Marvelous Work and a Wonder*, p. 3)

My testimony is that the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Priesthood were *restored* to Earth. The Gospel has been taught and the Priesthood exercised by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the eternal blessing of mankind. So having said that, let's tell the story of the Restoration.

## **WHY THE RESTORATION OCCURRED IN THE UNITED STATES**

The first question we shall answer in telling that story is: "Why did the Restoration occur in the United States?" Why not in Britain, France, Spain, or some other country in the world? It occurred here because this was God's chosen land, a land "choice above all other lands," (1 Nephi 2:20) according to the *Book of Mormon*. The *Book of Mormon* also says it is a "land of promise." (1 Nephi 2:20) Why? What does it promise? Throughout its history, business entrepreneurs have come to exploit its natural resources. Others have come to get rich and live like foreign aristocrats. Many have come to enjoy freedom from political oppression. And a few have sought freedom of worship.

Certainly, the United States, with its abundant natural resources, has promised opportunity and success to the business world. To those who have dreamed of personal affluence, it has always promised that possibility. And it has emerged a leader among the world's nations as an advocate of the right and power citizens might enjoy to determine their own collective destiny. So participation in the democratic process is another promise, and a meaningful one, that it has held out to the world. But I think the promise the Lord implied when He called this land a "land of promise" had to do with mankind's eternal salvation and exaltation in the Kingdom of Heaven. On the "land of promise," God's church would be established, and, through it, the Gospel would be declared to all nations. The Priesthood would be exercised in that Church for the eternal blessing of mankind by validating Gospel ordinances. And the highest meaning of the Gospel under Priesthood authority would be manifest in holy temples where glimpses of eternal life would be possible. Micah, an Old Testament prophet, spoke of holy temples in the last days.

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, come and let us go up to the mountain of the lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways; and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (*Micah 4:1-2*).

In ancient times temples were called ziggurats. And a ziggurat meant mountain. So when Micah said that many nations, that is people from many nations, would say "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...", they were speaking of a temple where they would learn of God's ways and walk in his paths by participating in temple ordinances, for the law, which is the Gospel validated by the priesthood, would go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem—that would be the Gospel as taught by the Savior during the meridian of time.

**So Micah's prophecy makes sense in light of temples being built on the Land of Promise. Because ultimately, God's promise to mankind is provided through His temples and the Melchizedek Priesthood ordinances performed therein.**

**Now what made the building of temples possible on the Land of Promise? It was God's chosen land, but what happened to make it a Land of Promise for the eternal blessing of mankind?**

**First, the people who came here, according to the *Book of Mormon* 13:12-13, were brought by God, and once here were sustained by Him. And among them were the Puritans with their ideas about democracy. Puritans believed that within their religious communities members in good standing were free to choose their leaders, decide on points of doctrine, develop church policies and pass laws providing for their secular needs. In their meetings, they raised their arms in vote just as Mormons do today when they sustain their leaders.**

**Puritans did not believe in an organized priesthood which made decisions for church members. That is one reason why they disliked the Roman Catholic Church and Church of England. Catholics and Anglicans had no say in how their churches were run. That was decided for them by a priesthood hierarchy. So within the Puritan church and community there was a democratic procedure which eventually was adopted outside the church and became a part of the American way of life. The Puritans, then, helped lay the foundation for American democracy and the political system which derived from it.**

**Second, the Constitution of the United States with its Bill of Rights helped make the United States a Land of Promise and provided the opportunity for the Restoration to take place here. The Constitution promotes freedom of choice among its citizens, and protects them in exercising that right. That is why the Lord spoke to his persecuted people in Jackson County, Missouri on December 16, 1833 when he said:**

**And again I say unto you, those who have been scattered by their enemies, it is my will that they should continue to importune for redress, and redemption, by the hands of those who are placed as rulers and are in authority over you—**

**According to the law and constitution of the people, which I have suffered to be established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of *all flesh*, according to just and holy principles;**

**That every man may act in doctrine and principle pertaining to futurity, according to the moral agency which I have given unto him, that every man may be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment.**

**Therefore, it is not right that any man should be in bondage one to another. And for this purpose have I established the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood. (*Doctrine and Covenants* 101:76-80)**

**Amendment One of the Constitution is particularly important in helping the United States to be the Lord's Promised Land for the eternal blessing of mankind. It says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." In other words, the government of this nation shall not attempt to establish a state religion or church, nor shall it interfere in the "free exercise" of a religion or church within its jurisdiction.**

**Now, the Bill of Rights, comprising the first ten amendments of the Constitution, was ratified in 1791. So after that date, theoretically speaking, every church operating within the boundaries of the United States could compete freely for converts. This, I think, was a significant requirement for the Church of Jesus Christ to carry out its divine mission for the eternal blessing of mankind in the Land of Promise. You see, the Church was organized in 1830, thirty-nine years following passage of the Bill of Rights. Had it been organized 40 years before it was, conditions would not have favored its presence. Neither could it have been organized in any other foreign country because at the time, every country in the world, except the United States of America, was governed by a monarchy or limited monarchy supported by an aristocratic class. And every monarchy endorsed a state church and religion. That means a church such as the Roman Catholic Church, Church of England, Lutheran Church or Presbyterian Church were favored in their respective countries over other churches.**

**The United States of America was indeed prepared by the Lord to be a Land of Promise. Through the people He brought here, with their ideas about democracy, and through the Constitution, with its promise of freedom to choose, He prepared this land for a restoration of all that would be necessary for the eternal blessing of mankind. And what was that?**

## **WHAT WAS RESTORED?**

**What was necessary in the Restoration? What was restored? Let us now consider those questions.**

**A knowledge of God and the Godhead was restored. This happened on a beautiful spring day in 1820, when a perplexed young man named Joseph Smith retired to a grove of trees to ask God which church to join. In response to his quest, he experienced a vision in which he saw God the Eternal Father and Jesus Christ the Lord — two separate beings, the Father and the Son. Both were so glorious to behold, that Joseph could look upon them and endure their presence only because he was prepared for that and sustained throughout the experience by the Holy Ghost.**



Joseph, then, learned for himself that the Godhead consists of three separate heavenly beings who act together, or as one, in their divine purpose. Joseph also learned that revelation from God had not ceased. God the Eternal Father and His son, Jesus Christ had revealed themselves to this humble boy who wanted to know only which one of the many churches, with which he was acquainted, to join. During the vision, he was instructed to join no church — for no church represented Christ and His gospel at that time. Joseph wrote that “many other things did he (the personage who spoke to him) say unto me, which I cannot write at this time.” (Joseph Smith-*History* 1:20)

The Restoration, then, established that God would reveal himself and His will to those who need revelation and ask for it. Joseph’s glorious vision involving the Father and the Son was the first of many visions and revelations which he experienced and received during his brief lifetime. All of them taught men and women about God, their relationship to God, and what each must do to enjoy all that God has to give.

Another vision which was part of the Restoration resulted in the coming forth of the *Book of Mormon*. During a night in September 1823, before retiring to bed, Joseph knelt in prayer to ask that his sins be forgiven, and to ascertain his standing before God. As he prayed, the room filled with brilliant light which emanated from a heavenly personage who said his name was Moroni, with a message to Joseph from God. He told Joseph of a record inscribed on gold plates deposited in a hill not far from where Joseph and his family lived. The record was an account of “former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang” (Joseph Smith *History* 1:34). Moroni also intimated that the “fullness of the everlasting Gospel” was contained in the account, as delivered by the Savior to those ancient inhabitants (Joseph Smith *History* 1:34). Joseph was told that in time he would be given the plates. Consequently, four years later, after he had matured and been schooled by Moroni, Joseph received the plates and translated their record by the “gift and power of God.” This fulfilled a scripture recorded in Isaiah 29:4. It reads:

And thou shalt be brought down and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

What Joseph translated is known as the *Book of Mormon*. It is “another” witness of Jesus Christ, reinforcing the Bible as Christ’s first witness. That fact is declared by a *Book of Mormon* prophet named Nephi who beheld in vision an angel of God. The angel spoke to Nephi, saying:

These last records, which thou has seen among the Gentiles, (he meant the *Book of Mormon*) shall establish the truth of the first, which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (this would be the *Bible*), and shall make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away from them; and shall make known to all kindreds, tongues and people, that the Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Savior of

the world; and that all men must come unto him, or they cannot be saved. (*1 Nephi 13:40*)

The Bible also speaks of two witnesses. Ezekiel, an Old Testament prophet, wrote:

The word of the Lord came again unto me saying,

Moreover thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions; and Join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

Say unto them, thus sayeth the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes (*Ezekiel 37:15*).

So the *Bible* and *Book of Mormon* reinforce each other. They work as one record in declaring Christ to the world.

The fact that the *Book of Mormon* serves as another witness of Jesus Christ is important because Paul in his second epistle to the Corinthians said that "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." (*2 Corinthians 13:1*) That is why the gold plates from which the *Book of Mormon* was written were beheld by three witnesses in addition to Joseph Smith. These were Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris. Their testimony is written as part of the introduction to the *Book of Mormon* for all to read. What is significant about these witnesses is that all of them were cut off from the Church because of their unwillingness to live the Gospel. Two of them, Oliver Cowdery and Martin Harris, came back to the Church after Joseph Smith was martyred. David Whitmer never came back. None of these men, while outside the Church, ever denied his testimony, which certainly enhances their power as witnesses, for had their heavenly experience not been real, they, in their anger and frustration would have denied their testimony in an attempt to destroy Joseph Smith.

The ultimate witness, so far as the *Book of Mormon* is concerned is the Holy Spirit which is promised to all who read the Book. We read near the end of the Book these words:

**And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. (*Moroni 10:4*)**

**What a powerful challenge. I have never read a challenge like that at the end of any book I have ever read. We don't need the testimonies of *Book of Mormon* prophets. We don't need the testimony of Joseph Smith. We don't need the testimony of the three witnesses or anybody else to know that the *Book of Mormon* is true. All we need is to ask God in faith, and the Holy Ghost will bear witness to us personally.**

**During the Restoration, the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods were brought back to Earth through heavenly messengers. In May 1829, John the Baptist came as a resurrected being to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, Joseph's friend and scribe, to confer upon them the Aaronic Priesthood. He placed his hands upon their heads and said:**

**Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah, I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness. (Joseph Smith, *History* 1: 69)**

**John the Baptist commanded Joseph and Oliver to exercise the authority which they now held and baptize each other. This they did. Then in June, about three weeks later, they received the Melchizedek Priesthood from the Apostles Peter, James and John who came to them as resurrected beings.**

**With the authority of the Priesthood, Joseph and Oliver could baptize, confer the Holy Ghost, confer the priesthood on others, and organize Christ's church, which they did.**

**Christ's Church was restored as a means of promulgating His Gospel among the world's people and exercising His Priesthood in their behalf. In April 1830, Joseph, his family and friends met in the Peter Whitmer home at Fayette, New York. There the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized under the authority of the Priesthood and by divine commandment. For we read in the *Doctrine and Covenants* 20:1**

**The rise of the Church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, it being regularly organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April.**

On that occasion, six men signed their names to a legal document that gave birth to the Church in New York. Today, 168 years later, over ten million people claim membership in that church. It is one of the fastest growing churches in the world. It is like the stone in Daniel's dream, which was "cut out without hands," and moves along its divinely appointed path, until it shall fill the "whole earth," preparing the way for the Kingdom of Heaven (*Daniel 2:31-45*)

Finally, during the Restoration, a knowledge of temple ordinances was revealed, and temples were authorized to be built for the eternal blessing of mankind. The first temple built by Latter-day Saints was completed in 1836 while the Church struggled to survive. The saints were poor, but gave all they had to build this temple. In it Joseph Smith received keys, special authority within the Priesthood, to seal families as eternal units. Elijah of old delivered these keys to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery on April 3, 1836 as they knelt in prayer within the Kirtland Temple. Elijah told them:

Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi — testifying that he (Elijah) should be sent, before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come —

To turn (bind) the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse —

Therefore, the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands; and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors (*Doctrine and Covenants 110:14-16*).

Turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers may be seen in temple ordinances which, under the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood, seals families for eternity, based on their faithfulness in keeping their holy covenants. The dead cannot do this work for themselves, so the living do it for them, and, in that sense, become their saviors. Thus, hearts are turned toward each other in a great charitable undertaking. Without this formation of eternal families, the earth would be smitten with a curse, for God's work and glory is to "Bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man" (*Moses 1:39*). And eternal life for man comes through exaltation of the family unit (*Doctrine and Covenants 132:4-7*).

So in the Kirtland Temple, Joseph received keys to do temple work, but that work was not done until the Saints built a second temple at Nauvoo. Then after they were driven from Nauvoo and migrated to the intermountain west, they built other temples. By 1900 they had built six temples, two of which they left behind as they moved west. Today the Church is building temples so fast all over the world, one has difficulty tracking them. Temple building throughout the world is the best representation of Daniel's stone rolling forth till it "fills the whole earth" that I can think of. And just as Joseph who was sold into Egypt saved his

brothers from famine, so shall Joseph's posterity save scattered Israel in latter-day temples by administering priesthood ordinances to them, necessary for exaltation in God's heavenly kingdom.

## **SCRIPTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESTORATION**

Now, what is the scriptural significance of the Restoration? Before the Meridian of Time, prophets predicted, and scriptural scribes wrote about, the birth, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of the Savior. These significant events constitute a primary message in Old Testament scripture.

Since the Meridian of Time, prophets have foretold a Second Coming, when the resurrected Christ shall come in glory to cleanse the world of wickedness and prepare Earth for His millennial reign. This is a message of modern scripture.

Now, before this heralded event materializes, the Gospel in its fullness must be preached to all nations and the Priesthood must be in place and exercised for the eternal blessing of those who elect to take upon themselves Christ's name. This implies, of course, the Restoration as we have discussed it. Peter the Apostle spoke of a "restitution of all things" before the Lord's Second Coming. He said:

Repent ye therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

And he shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you;

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. (*Acts 3:19-21*)

A restitution means a restoration. So Peter predicted a restoration of the Gospel and Priesthood. Paul the Apostle also spoke of a restoration when he wrote to the Ephesian saints about a "dispensation of the fullness of times" when the Lord would "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth" (*Ephesians 1:10*). A dispensation means a time of "revealed commands and promises regulating human affairs" (*Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*).

So, Peter spoke of a "restitution of all things," and Paul wrote of a "dispensation of the fullness of times" to precede the Second Coming of the Lord. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints boldly proclaims that the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times in which there has been a "restitution of all things" was ushered in through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

**The Church he organized and the Priesthood he held are indeed the Lord's church and priesthood. And we will do well to get a testimony of that fact.**

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## Seventeen Points of the True Church

1. Christ organized the Church (Eph 4:11-14)
2. The true church must bear the name of Jesus Christ (Eph 5:23)
3. The true church must have a foundation of Apostles and Prophets (Eph 2:19-20)
4. The true church must have the same organization as Christ's Church (Eph 4:11-14)
5. The true church must claim divine authority (Heb 5:4-10)
6. The true church must have no paid ministry (Isa 45:13, 1 Peter 5:2)
7. The true church must baptize by immersion (Matt 3:13-16)
8. The true church must bestow the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:4-17)
9. The true church must practice divine healing (Mark 3:14-15)
10. The true church must teach that God and Jesus Christ are separate and distinct individuals (John 17:11, 20:17)
11. The true church must teach that God and Jesus Christ have bodies of flesh and bone (Luke 24:36-39, Acts 1:9-11)
12. The officers must be called by God (Heb 5:4; Ex 28:1; 40:13-16)
13. The true church must claim revelation from God (Amos 3:7)
14. The true church must be a missionary church (Matt 28:19-20)
15. The true church must be a restored church (Acts 3:19-20)
16. The true church must practice baptism for the dead (1 Cor 15:16, 29)
17. By their fruits ye shall know them (Matt 7:20)

Why are these things important? Hebrews 13:8

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## INTRODUCTION

Last month we discussed the Restoration of the Gospel and Priesthood. This month we'll discuss Joseph Smith, through whom the Restoration occurred. Joseph is so important, one cannot accept the Restoration without accepting him and the part he played in it. In other words, a testimony that Joseph Smith saw all he claimed to see, did all he claimed to do, and was all he claimed to be is necessary for a testimony of the Restoration. And we can't rely on others for that testimony. Even Joseph's testimony is not sufficient. We must get our own testimonies directly from the Holy Spirit if we are to enjoy a testimony of Joseph Smith and the Restoration. A historian named Melvin Smith expressed this idea best when he wrote:

There is a clear difference between the witness Joseph Smith claimed he had in the Sacred Grove — of God to him — and the witness from him to us in his own story. The first would have been divine; the second is historic. Even when we allow that divine beings visited the Prophet, we must remember that a mortal, finite being received the message and transmitted it to us by the very human medium of language with all its human limitations. What we...receive is Joseph's witness, not God's. (*Journal of Mormon History*, 1982, p. 68)

My hope and prayer is that we may get a testimony of Joseph Smith and the Restoration. And if we have one, that we may nourish it through constant prayer, faith-building literature and experiences.

## JOSEPH SMITH'S ANCESTRY

Joseph Smith's ancestors were good people. Both the Smiths and Macks (his mother's predecessors) came from Britain, settled in New England, and were raised in the Puritan tradition. The Smiths came in 1638, the Macks in 1680. They were hardworking, benevolent, trustworthy and trusting people. They were so benevolent and trustworthy, they made the mistake of assuming others were like themselves, and sometimes paid a penalty for that assumption. For example, Joseph's grandfather, Asael Smith, took into his home and gave refuge to a despised and persecuted Quaker. As a result, he became the object of so much abuse, he decided to relocate his residence. Another example involved Joseph's grandfather Solomon Mack and his wife Lydia.

Solomon and Lydia bought some land in eastern New York near the Vermont line. A condition of the contract they signed was for Solomon to build a number of log houses on the property. Unfortunately, he cut his leg and was unable to work, so he hired another to build the houses and made the mistake of paying him in advance. The builder took the money, fled and never built the houses. Solomon and Lydia not only lost their money but their land too. They moved to New Hampshire into what Lydia called a "desolate and dreary wilderness," where there were no more than "four families within forty miles."

Joseph's father and mother, Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack, also trusted others, as they thought themselves trustworthy, and were disappointed. After they married, Joseph Sr. and Lucy settled on a "handsome farm" in Tunbridge, Vermont. But they were ambitious and decided to seek their fortune in the merchandising business. They invested in an enterprise for producing ginseng root which was highly prized in China for its medicinal powers. Joseph produced a shipment of this plant and arranged for it to be shipped to China. His cargo was sold at considerable profit, but his agent's son, who accompanied the cargo to China, absconded with the money, leaving Joseph financially destitute. He and Lucy were forced to sell the farm to liquidate their debts. Lucy had a savings of \$1800 which was also lost extricating them from indebtedness. So they started over. They rented a farm from Lucy's father, Solomon Mack, during summer months, and Joseph Sr. taught school during winter months. Here on the Mack farm nestled in the hills of the beautiful White River Valley, Joseph Smith Jr. was born.

## JOSEPH SMITH'S BIRTH AND BOYHOOD

Joseph Smith was born December 23, 1805 in Sharon, Vermont. He was the fifth child in a family of eleven children, nine of whom lived to maturity. Joseph was the third of six boys who grew to manhood. The Smith children were healthy, bright and amiable. They worked hard, and were respected for their work ethic. They were a close-knit family and worked together for survival wherever they settled.

The Smith family moved frequently during the children's growing-up years. Farming was hard-scrabble in the shallow New England soil. Prospects did not brighten until Joseph Sr. and Lucy moved their children to western New York. They settled on heavily wooded land in Manchester, near Palmyra. This land had to be cleared of trees and brush. Father and sons worked hard to accomplish the task, clearing 30 acres for cultivation the first year.

There was little time for formal education. The children went to school only when the demands of frontier living allowed that privilege. But they learned the basics: reading, writing, and arithmetic.

So, as a teenage boy, Joseph Jr. was not well educated. He did not read books as readily and easily as other family members, probably because he could not read well at the time. He did not write well either. His grammar was elementary and his spelling atrocious. But he was happy and pleasant. He was sociable and made friends easily wherever he went. Perhaps that was because he was always sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. An example of this can be seen by a terrible experience through which he passed when seven years old.

Before the Smiths moved to Manchester, New York the whole family was struck with typhus. Sophronia, Joseph's older sister nearly died from it. Joseph recovered from the illness, along with his brothers, but two weeks later complained of a pain in his shoulder. An incorrect diagnosis attributed the pain to a muscle sprain, but after two weeks of suffering, a fever sore developed between his breast and shoulder. When lanced, it discharged a substantial quantity of infection. The pain now moved to his leg where it became more intense than ever. Doctors were powerless to relieve it and finally advised that the leg be amputated. Joseph and his mother protested vigorously. Lucy asked the doctor: "Can you not, by cutting around the bone, take out the diseased part, and perhaps that which is sound will heal over, and by this means you will save his leg?" The doctor agreed. The operation was performed with crude instruments and without anesthetics. The historian wrote:

The doctors insisted on binding him fast to the bedstead and giving him brandy or wine to deaden, in a measure, the pain. Joseph refused. He agreed to undergo the surgery providing his father would hold him on his lap and his mother would leave the room. "For I know," he said, she "cannot bear to see me suffer so." Joseph, not more than seven years of age, bore the painful cuttings, and immediately after the operation, began getting better, with no recurrence of the infection. (Barrett, *Joseph Smith and the Restoration*, p. 35)

What can we learn about Joseph from this experience. The obvious, of course, is that he was brave and trusted his father. But more important than that is what has already been said. What seven year old boy would think of his mother during the trauma of such an expected operation? When I was that age, had I faced such an operation, I would not have thought about mother. I would have thought about myself. And I don't think I'm much different from most others in that regard. Joseph Smith was extraordinary in his sensitivity to the feelings and welfare of others throughout his entire life — a basic requirement, I believe, in one whom God would call to be His prophet. In

fact, I think that would be more necessary than being able to read and write scholarly essays. I am certain that God did not care to labor with a scholar, anchored immovably to his narrow opinions by years of study and academic achievement. Scholars deal with the theories and philosophies of men. They become so entrenched in the notion that all conclusions must endure measurement by the scientific method of investigation, that they cannot move outside that confinement. Many of them are incapable of large views, especially as these encompass the world of spirits. So, God chose as his agent of the Restoration, a young boy, unschooled, but whose mind was hungry for truth and was as impressionable as potter's clay.

As Joseph matured, he became educated. He learned to read well, and dictated letters replete with powerful language. He studied foreign languages, including Hebrew. He had a brilliant mind. No one who knew him ever questioned that. But more important, I think, was the fact that Joseph cared for others. That wonderful gift was innate. It was God-given. It was part of his nature from the beginning, because it was so necessary for his calling as God's prophet of the Restoration.

As indicated, Joseph's mind was like a sponge. He learned quickly and remembered well. But he excelled in learning about and understanding the spiritual world. This was primarily because he had spiritual teachers. Not only was he taught by God Himself, he was also taught on a regular basis by the angel Moroni, and a plethora of other ancient resurrected prophets. We read:

Many ancient prophets and apostles appeared to Joseph during his formative years, imparting knowledge and furnishing him direction. Personalities who once lived on the Western Hemisphere and had contributed to the record Joseph was to receive appeared and acquainted him with particulars about the people mentioned in the golden book. Nephi, Alma, Mormon, and the disciples chosen by the Savior when He appeared to the ancient Americans were among those who revealed themselves to him...These heavenly personages made their appearances to him before he received the Nephite record in September 1827. He was as familiar with these ancient prophets as people are today with their most intimate friends. The Prophet's mother testifies to this intimacy of her son with the ancient personalities. From them he became acquainted with the living conditions of those former inhabitants of this continent. (Barrett, *Joseph Smith and the Restoration*, pp. 68-69)

Joseph had told his family about Moroni and the record in the hill. Now as he received information from his heavenly visitors, he passed it on to family members. In the evening, after work was done, the family would gather round and Joseph would tell about the ancient inhabitants of this land. His mother wrote:

He would describe the ancient inhabitants of this continent, their dress, mode of traveling, and the animals upon which they rode; their cities, their buildings, with every particular; their mode of warfare; and also their religious worship. This he would do with as much ease, seemingly, as if he had spent his whole life among them. (Barrett, *Joseph Smith and the Restoration*, p. 69)

That Joseph could do this seemed remarkable even to his mother. For she said that her son was not "bookish." She said he was "much less inclined to the perusal of books than any of the rest of the children." But Joseph's remarkable heavenly visitors were more necessary for his calling than we might suppose. He had to be adequately prepared for his divine calling, not simply to translate the *Book of Mormon*, but to usher in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. No one could prepare Joseph for this exalted responsibility but God's heavenly messengers.

So Joseph grew into a spiritual giant. And he grew physically too. By the time he was physically mature, he stood six feet and weighed about 200 lbs. He was well built and physically strong. His two favorite sports were pulling sticks and wrestling. If stories about him are true, he never lost a contest in either of these sports. Now, I don't say this to indicate that God's prophet had to be tall and strong, because history will bear no such supposition. Paul the apostle was not a large man. President Kimball was smaller than I. So, why do we mention Joseph's physical strength and prowess? We do, I think, to illustrate that in Joseph's time, these were important. But why? Because Joseph was born and raised in the American frontier. The Restoration occurred in the frontier. Joseph and the church he founded in God's name were products of God working in the American frontier and with frontiersmen. Again, why? Why did not God restore His church in the more settled parts of the United States, among more settled and sophisticated investigators? Because they were too much like the scholars and academicians we described earlier. God's church had to be composed of people with simple faith who believed so strongly in God and His revealed cause, as they understood it, that they would go where He wanted them to go, and do what He wanted them to do, regardless of the cost.

Even after Joseph and his brother, Hyrum, were martyred by hateful and jealous men, the Church remained a frontier church. Brigham Young, who led the Church after Joseph, was a product of the American frontier. Under his able leadership, the Saints moved west, establishing the Church in the valleys of the Rocky Mountains. Not until the frontier faded from settled life of the intermountain west years after Latter-day Saints went there, did the Church cease to be a frontier church, in geographical terms. Although, it continues to be a frontier church in the world of spiritual ideas and realities.



Now, the American frontier featured a crude, rough, tough environment. Men, and some women, used vulgar language, swore, profaned, engaged in drunken brawls, killed each other with little regard for human life. Survival of the fittest seemed to be the name of the game. So, Joseph frequently engaged in activity by which people normally would not judge a prophet. For example, we're already aware of his love to pull sticks and wrestle, but he was also willing to fight when he thought that was necessary. Once, William E. McLellin, a former apostle in the Church who turned apostate, challenged Joseph to a fight while Joseph and other brethren were incarcerated in the Richmond Jail. We read:

McLellin, who was a large and active man, went to the sheriff and asked for the privilege of flogging the Prophet. Permission was granted on condition that Joseph would fight. The sheriff made known to Joseph McLellin's earnest request, to which Joseph consented, if his irons were taken off. McLellin then refused to fight unless he could have a club, to which Joseph was perfectly willing, but the sheriff would not allow them to fight on such unequal terms. (Black, *Who's Who in the Doctrine and Covenants*, p. 192)

Now, I suppose if President Hinckley agreed to fight an opponent today, church members would lose their faith in him as their spiritual leader. But Joseph, remember, lived in the frontier, and that was the way of the frontier.

Joseph could be as fearless and intimidating with his tongue as he was with strong muscles. While he and his brethren were incarcerated in the Richmond, Missouri jail, one night in particular, they were subject to so much vulgarity, profanity and personal verbal abuse by their guards that Joseph arose and rebuked them. We read:

One November night the brethren listened for several hours to "obscene jests, the horrid oaths, the dreadful blasphemies and filthy language" as the guards rehearsed the atrocities they had inflicted on the Saints. Parley P. Pratt lay next to the Prophet and listened until he could scarcely refrain from speaking out. Suddenly Joseph Smith rose to his feet shackled and unarmed and spoke as a voice of thunder: "Silence, ye fiends of the infernal pit. In the name of Jesus Christ I rebuke you, and command you to be still; I will not live another minute and bear such language. Cease such talk, or you or I die this instant!"

Parley P. Pratt wrote:

He ceased to speak. He stood erect in terrible majesty. Chained and without a weapon; calm, unruffled and dignified as an angel, he looked upon the quailing guards, whose weapons were lowered or dropped to the ground; whose

knees smote together, and who, shrinking into a corner, or crouching at his feet, begged his pardon, and remained quiet till a change of guards. (C.E.S. *Church History in the Fulness of Times*, pp. 207-208)

But Joseph was as ready and willing to forgive as he was to condemn. For example, while the Saints underwent extreme persecution in western Missouri, even some of Joseph's closest friends and members of the Church turned against him. One of these was William W. Phelps. Later, Phelps recognized the error of his ways, confessed his sins, and asked Joseph to forgive him. In his reply to Phelps, Joseph wrote, in part:

Believing your confessions to be real and your repentance genuine, I shall be happy once again to give you the right hand of fellowship, and rejoice over the returning prodigal-come on, dear brother, since the war is past. For friends at first, are friends again at last. Yours, as ever, Joseph Smith Jun. (Roberts, *A Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. I, pp. 506-507)

So, this uneducated, frontier boy, with a burning desire to know the truth and serve God, was prepared by God to usher in what Paul, the apostle, called the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times (*Ephesians* 1:10) in which there would be a "restitution of all things" as prophesied by Peter the apostle (*Acts* 3:21).

## JOSEPH'S PREPARATION FOR HIS WORK

God prepared young Joseph for his work by instructing him personally and through heavenly messengers. Joseph's first spiritual experience was a vision in which God the Eternal Father and His son Jesus the Christ appeared in response to Joseph's question: Which church in Palmyra should he join? He was told to join no church, for no church at that time represented God.

Three years following this profound experience, God's messenger, Moroni, an ancient prophet among God's people on the Western Hemisphere, appeared to Joseph and revealed to him a record written on gold plates, buried in a nearby hill known to the ancients as Cumorah. Moroni said if Joseph proved himself worthy, he would be privileged to translate this record which constituted the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness. This had to be done for the eternal benefit of mankind. First, it reinforced the bible as a witness of Jesus Christ, and second, it supplied necessary information excluded from the Bible through translation.

After Moroni's initial visit, Joseph went to the Hill Cumorah once each year in September for four years to be instructed by the Angel. In addition, as already stated,

Joseph was visited by a plethora of heavenly visitors from whom he received not only revelation, but God's priesthood with authority to act for God on Earth.

During his preparatory period, Joseph had to learn two lessons. First, obedience to God's commands is absolutely necessary to discharge a calling from God. Second, Satan's power is both real and terrible. It should be avoided at all costs.

Joseph learned these lessons when, as instructed by Moroni, he went to the Hill Cumorah, about two miles from his home, to see the ancient record inscribed on gold plates. Joseph found the depository containing the sacred treasure and eagerly stretched forth his hands to lift it from its resting place, but received a shock which "paralyzed his strength." Three times he tried, and each time the shock increased in intensity, until in exasperation he cried, "Why cannot I obtain this book?" "Because you have not kept the commandments of the Lord," said a voice above him. He looked up and beheld Moroni. He then remembered Moroni's instructions the night before when he had been told he was to have no other object in mind when getting the plates than to glorify God by promoting His cause on Earth. Otherwise, he would not be able to obtain the record.

Joseph had not followed Moroni's instructions. Apparently, as he walked from his home to the hill, he had thought of the gold rather than the record, and what its worth in money might be. He forgot about God, and how translating the record would restore the Gospel in its fulness to Earth. He forgot about promoting God's kingdom and was obsessed with a desire for this world's kingdoms (wealth, ease, influence, station) "all these for the moment possessed him — and there the possibility of it all lay within his reach in that rude stone box, and yet he had not the power to clutch it." (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 77-78)

Moroni's rebuke had a sobering effect upon Joseph. He stood before his angel-teacher, humbled. Then suddenly, "the heavens were opened and the glory of the Lord shone round about, and rested upon him." Moroni said, "Look!" And Joseph was shown the "Prince of Darkness" supported by his innumerable spirit-hosts. While this vision passed before Joseph, Moroni said:

All this is shown, the good and the evil, the holy and impure, the glory of God and the power of darkness, that you may know hereafter the two powers and never be influenced or overcome by that wicked one. Behold, whatever entices and leads to good and to do good is of God; and whatever does not is of that wicked one (Roberts *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 78-79).

Joseph never forgot this experience.

## WHAT DID JOSEPH SMITH ACCOMPLISH?

Now we come to the question: What did Joseph Smith accomplish? He translated the *Book of Mormon* (a task which, I think, is beyond all human ability, but especially for Joseph who was ignorant, almost illiterate, in the world of education). He "translated" the *Bible* (the *Inspired Translation*). He produced the *Book of Moses* which occurred during and as a result of his work on the *Bible*. He interpreted, by the gift and power of God, and published, the *Book of Abraham*. He produced the *Doctrine and Covenants*. He received and organized the Priesthood. He supervised the building of two temples. He established communities, towns and cities. No other individual in American history, including Brigham Young, accomplished what Joseph did. Brigham Young was so overpowered by his relationship with Joseph that he said:

I feel like shouting hallelujah all the time when I think that I ever knew Joseph Smith whom the Lord raised up and ordained, and to whom He gave keys and power to build up the kingdom of God on earth. (*Journal of Discourses* 32:51)

Joseph Smith accomplished all he did because he was a good man, and God was with him. He did not lie. He did not cheat. He did not deceive. Liars, cheaters and deceivers are eventually found out. No one yet has proven that Joseph was a liar, cheater or deceiver. He loved people and took pleasure in mingling with them. He was sensitive to their needs and forgiving when wronged. He did not profane, swear or curse. He did not drink liquor, and he was chaste. He was typically bright, cheery and optimistic. He blessed peoples' lives by expanding their horizons of thought, healing the possessed, lame and sick, besides organizing the Church and founding communities. Those who knew Joseph testified of his goodness such as Brigham Young. Another was Orson Pratt, who wrote:

I became intimately acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, and continued intimately acquainted with him until the day of his death. I had the great privilege...of boarding...at his house, so that I not only knew him as a public teacher, but as a private citizen, as a husband and father. I witnessed his earnest and humble devotions both morning and evening in his family. I heard the words of eternal life flowing from his mouth nourishing soothing, and comforting his family, neighbors, and friends. I saw his great and most precious revelations now printed for our guide. I saw him translating, by inspiration, the *Old and New Testaments*, and inspired *Book of Abraham* from Egyptian papyrus...I knew that he was a man of God. It was not a matter of opinion with me, for I received a testimony from the heavens concerning that matter. (Anderson, *Joseph Smith's Kirtland*, p. 232)

Joseph matured in spiritual strength through the years even though he was severely persecuted from the time he translated the *Book of Mormon* till he and his brother, Hyrum, were assassinated at Carthage, Illinois on June 27, 1844. He and church members were never free from persecution regardless of where they went. Significantly, those who led out in persecuting Joseph were ministers of other religions and apostates of the Church Joseph organized. Reason suggests that had Joseph been a fake, he would have confessed and faded into obscurity with its freedom from persecution. The fact that he sealed his claims and teachings by giving his life, offers powerful testimony that what he claimed and taught was true.

## CONCLUSION

Now we come to the conclusion of this presentation. Joseph Smith's name is known throughout the world. The Angel Moroni told the boy Joseph that his name "should be had for good and evil among all nations, kindreds, and tongues, or that it should be both good and evil spoken of among all people." (Joseph Smith-History 1:33) With missionaries representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and bearing their testimonies that Joseph Smith was called of God to restore His gospel, receive His priesthood and organize His church, Moroni's prediction is literally fulfilled.

But the name "Joseph" is known in history for another reason. Joseph who was sold into Egypt, through his goodness and fidelity to God, rose to a position of power under Pharaoh. Eventually, he saved, from physical famine, his brothers (the very ones who had sold him as a slave to Egypt-bound nomads). Joseph then helped promote Israel's cause.

Joseph Smith, like his ancient progenitor, became God's agent, through the Restoration, in offering salvation from spiritual famine to scattered Israel, many of whom lived on the American Continents, remnants of ancient progenitors. Now, how did that develop?

Before Jacob (Israel) passed away, he blessed his sons. Joseph's blessing is especially interesting to read and contemplate. Jacob said:

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall;

The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him.

But his bow abode in strength and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob, (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren (*Genesis 49:22-26*).

We don't have time now to analyze the full meaning in these passages of scripture, but obviously Joseph, son of Jacob, would have numerous posterity, some of whom would find their way to the American Continents. How do we know this? Because in the blessing, Joseph's branches were nourished by a "well" and would "run over the wall" to the "utmost bound of the everlasting hills." A well of water in a desert gives life. The well by which Joseph's posterity would be nourished was the Gospel and Priesthood which provide spiritual nourishment and salvation. The wall over which Joseph's branches would run was the ocean — a wall of water. The everlasting hills were the mountain ranges extending from Alaska, through the United States into Mexico and South America. So Joseph's posterity came, flourished, held God's priesthood, taught His gospel, organized His church and kept a record on gold plates of all they did. This was buried by one of their prophets, a fellow named Moroni, to come forth generations later. When the time came for it to be interpreted and published for the world to read, a young man by the name of Joseph was prepared by God to do the work. How appropriate. And so we read in the *Book of Mormon* these words, as recorded in *2 Nephi 3:5-15*

Wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day. And he obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel; not the Messiah, but a branch which was to be broken off, nevertheless, to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness unto light — yea, out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom.

For Joseph truly testified, saying: A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins.



Yea, Joseph truly said: Thus sayeth the Lord unto me: A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins. And unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren, which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers.

And I will give unto him a commandment that he shall do none other work, save the work which I shall command him. And I will make him great in mine eyes; for he shall do my work.

And he shall be great like unto Moses, whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel.

And Moses will I raise up, to deliver thy people out of the land of Egypt.

But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word unto the seed of thy loins — and not to the bringing my word only, saith the Lord, but to the convincing them of my word, which shall have already gone forth among them.

Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding of false doctrines and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days, and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord.

And out of weakness he shall be made strong, in that day when my work shall commence among all my people, unto the restoring thee, O house of Israel, saith the Lord.

And thus prophesied Joseph, saying: Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded; for this promise which I have obtained of the Lord, of the fruit of my loins, shall be fulfilled. Behold, I am sure of the fulfilling of this promise.;

And his name shall be called after me; and it shall be after the name of his father. And he shall be like unto me; for the thing, which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand, by the power of the Lord shall bring my people unto salvation.

The more I read, think and pray about Joseph Smith, the more I stand in awe of him. He was brilliant. He lived in the world of ideas. He thought in broad, expansive terms. He was so far beyond others in his thinking about God and man's relationship to God, about the world in which God lives and what we must do to get where God is, there is no comparison. He and what he taught attracted others like a magnet. Even brilliant men and women, scholars of the first rank, were attracted both to him and his teachings. This is why he was feared and opposed by religious leaders. But his brilliance was not the basis of his attraction and achievements. His knowledge and understanding came from the Holy Spirit. He lived intimately each day with the Spirit. He was sustained and empowered by the Spirit. Without him there would have been no Restoration.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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## Joseph Smith

Occasionally you hear someone say, "I could believe your Mormon doctrines if I didn't have to swallow the story about Joseph Smith being a man of God and that he translated the Book of Mormon from some gold plates which he claimed he found in a hillside." Let us consider some facts or conditions that must be complied with in order for you or someone else to produce a similar record under comparable conditions.

- \* You must be between 23 and 24 years of age.
- \* You cannot be a college graduate. In fact, you can have only three years of formal schooling.
- \* Whatever you write must be on the basis of what you know; no libraries are near-by.
- \* You must write a book with 239 chapters: 54 about wars; 21 about history; 55 about prophecy; 71 about doctrine; 17 about missionaries, and 21 about the mission of Christ.
- \* Then you must write a history of an ancient country -- such as Tibet -- covering a period from 600 B.C. to A.D. 421.
- \* You must include in your writings the history of two distinct and separate nations, along with the histories of different contemporary nations or groups.
- \* Your writings must describe the religious, economic, social, and political cultures and institutions of these two nations.
- \* You must weave into your history the religion of Jesus Christ and the pattern of Christian living.
- \* When you start to produce this record (covering a period of over one thousand years) you must finish it in approximately 80 days.
- \* When you have finished, you must not make any changes in the text. The edition must stand forever.
- \* After pauses for sleep and food, if you are dictating to a stenographer, you must never ask to have the last paragraph or last sentence read back to you.
- \* Your history, or record, must be lengthy -- 522 pages with over 150 words per page.
- \* You must add 180 proper nouns to the English language; Shakespeare added 30.
- \* You must announce that your "smooth narration" is not fiction, but sacred history.
- \* Your narrative must fulfill Bible prophecies, in the exact manner and sequence indicated.
- \* You must publish it to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, declaring it to be the word of God.

*As A Prophet Thinketh In His Heart,  
So Is He:  
The Mind Of Joseph Smith*

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One important question a thinking Latter-day Saint might ask concerning Joseph Smith is, What are the basic beliefs of his thinking? In other words, what are the fundamental ideas which are part of all that he felt, thought, and did? This question is important because the mind of Joseph Smith was shaped by God himself; the thinking as represented in the scriptures which came through him is a prime clue to the nature of the mind of God.

Since it is the opportunity of each Latter-day Saint to come to have one mind with God, we should be very interested in the thoughts that were reflected in the mind of the Prophet Joseph Smith. This paper lists the ideas which I believe are central to the thought of Joseph Smith and to the thought of all others who pursue the revelations of the true and living God in the hope of being saved from ignorance and impurity.

1. The heart of man is the key, the most important factor of man's being.
2. Man's life consists of using one's heart and mind to choose and act.
3. In every action, man must choose between what he believes to be the better and the worse, between darkness and light.
4. In every action one is influenced toward the good by God and toward evil by Satan.
5. The righteousness of God is wise sharing in love; the evil of Satan is selfishness.
6. Acuteness of heart and mind in man consists in learning to discern the influence of God and to distinguish it from the influence of Satan.
7. Wisdom for man is to learn to act only under the influence of God.
8. The only way wisdom can be attained is to learn to love with God's love.
9. The only way one can love God with all of one's heart, might, mind, and strength is through the law and the ordinances of the new and everlasting covenant.
10. The key to knowledge (truth) is to learn first of the whole, which is God, then of the parts, which are nature and man.
11. Jesus Christ is the Truth. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the truth which points the way to find the Truth.
12. Family is the important social relationship.
13. The greatest power on earth is the Holy Priesthood.

The thinking of the Prophet Joseph Smith is as wide and as deep as eternity. It encompasses all of God and all of space, time and matter. Truth and righteousness are his themes, but righteousness reigns as head. For him it is the God of Righteousness who rules the universe, who is the source of truth, who is the "Spirit of Truth" to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

# THE BOOK OF MORMON

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## INTRODUCTION

Last month we discussed Joseph Smith as God's prophet of the Restoration. Through him, God restored the Gospel, the Priesthood, and re-established His church on Earth for mankind's eternal blessing. Joseph was a remarkable man noted for remarkable achievements. But, without a doubt, his most remarkable achievement was translating the *Book of Mormon* through the "gift and power of God."

Tonight, we'll discuss the *Book of Mormon*. Where did it come from? How was it translated? How was it validated? What is its purpose? And what are some external evidences of its divinity? These are questions we'll answer in this discussion. But first, I want to read you a story about how powerful the *Book of Mormon* can be as a medium of conversion. As a matter of fact, the *Book of Mormon* is its own best agent in advancing God's cause on Earth. If missionaries can get the *Book of Mormon* into the hands of sincere investigators, the book can sell itself, so to speak, independently of testimonies that may accompany its placement. Stories in Church history abound to support this statement. I'm going to read one of them to you. This was told in a letter which Sister Andrus and I received from two friends in Rexburg, Idaho. They are Kenneth and Jean Brown. He taught religion classes at Ricks College before retirement, and she taught classes in the French language at Madison High School. Soon after retirement, they served a proselyting mission for the Church in Florida. Recently, they wrote us a letter in which they said, among other things:

Jean and I have been thrilled at what happened to us just recently and which shows that the miracle of *Book of Mormon* conversion still occurs and that you never know what might result from missionary labors. When we were on our mission in northern Florida, we distributed scores of copies of the *Book of Mormon* as was our assignment. A big push was on in our mission to place as many copies of the book as was possible. We had our share of media referrals of people who requested a copy of the book as advertised on TV or radio. (Usually, these people were just looking for something free, and

this was as far as it went.) So we put out a lot of books, but with little result so far as we knew.

Then about a year ago, I received a call from a Kathryn Lea from Oxford, Florida, which was in our mission. She said that she had been browsing in a Thrift Store and had found a copy of the *Book of Mormon* which she bought for a few cents. She took it home and began reading, but did not understand many things. She said our picture, testimony and phone number were in the front of the book (remember when we glued those testimonies in the books)? Anyway, she called and we had a nice conversation, but it became apparent to me that I could not answer her questions over the telephone. I advised her that we had missionaries in the area who would love to come to her home and visit with her. She said that would be fine. As soon as she hung up, Jean called our mission office in Jacksonville, and gave the referral with the suggestion that they get the missionaries out to Mrs. Lea immediately.

We never heard a thing for over a year. We thought at first that the referral had probably gotten lost...Then we thought the more likely thing was that Kathryn wasn't really all that interested.

Then about a month ago now, I received my second call from "down south." It was Kathryn Lea. She said, "I just thought you would be interested in the rest of the story." The story was that the missionaries had indeed contacted her and she had been taught the discussions. However, she wasn't all that impressed and was not ready for baptism. She continued her study of the *Book of Mormon*, however, and just called to let us know that she had been baptized the previous week...

We think this is a real miracle since we never labored in Oxford, and it has been some eight years since we returned from our mission.

Now, with that long introduction behind us, we're ready to answer the questions I indicated a few minutes ago. The first question was: Where did the *Book of Mormon* come from?

## THE GOLDEN PLATES

Joseph Smith translated the *Book of Mormon* from a record inscribed on gold plates by ancient prophets who lived on what would be known as the American



Continents centuries ago. One of these prophets was named Mormon. He summarized records kept by his predecessors and passed this summary on to his son, Moroni, who added to it before burying the record in a hill called Cumorah.

The record which Moroni buried told of families led by a prophet named Lehi who was commanded by God to leave Jerusalem about 600 years before Christ's birth. The Kingdom of Judah, with headquarters at Jerusalem, was soon to be conquered by Babylonians, and God, true to Jacob's prophecy recorded in *Genesis* 49:22-26, wanted to preserve a righteous branch of Israel's tree in a promised land across an ocean barrier.

So Lehi led his faithful followers down the Arabian peninsula, where, on the shore of the Indian Ocean, they built a ship and were carried by ocean currents and blown by prevailing winds to the continents which later were called North and South America. Here they established themselves and eventually divided into two groups. One group was called Nephites, after their leader, Nephi; the other was called Lamanites, after their leader, Laman. Wars between the Nephites and Lamanites were frequent and bloody. Oppression of the vanquished usually followed defeat, which, according to *Book of Mormon* prophets, was God's punishment for sinful living. Eventually, the Nephites and Lamanites destroyed themselves, as civilizations, in a series of bitter and bloody battles, because they hated each other and loved the shedding of blood more than they loved God.

The major theme which runs through the *Book of Mormon* is the same theme that runs through the *Old Testament*. That is, when God's people keep His commandments, they prosper. And when they don't, they suffer — not because He inflicts suffering upon them, but because as long as they are under Satan's power, God cannot bless them.

After Mormon's son, Moroni, buried the records in Hill Cumorah, they remained buried under his care for 1400 years. Then on September 21, 1823, after Joseph Smith knelt in prayer asking forgiveness of his sins and beseeching God for some indication that his sins had been forgiven, the room in which he prayed filled with brilliant light in the midst of which stood a heavenly personage who announced he was Moroni. Moroni said he had been sent by God to instruct and prepare Joseph to do God's work in this dispensation of time. An important part of that work was to translate the *Book of Mormon* message inscribed on the gold plates buried in Hill Cumorah. Joseph was instructed to go to Hill Cumorah once each year at the same time for four years where Moroni would appear to him and prepare him for the work he was to do.

In September 1827, after his fourth scheduled visit with Moroni, the gold plates were delivered to Joseph with instructions to translate that part of their record which God wanted translated and to take great care that the plates would not get into the hands of wicked men. Little did Joseph know what lay ahead for him. A life of severe persecution, and of moving from place to place in search of refuge from enemies was about to begin for him and his followers.

## TRANSLATING THE GOLD PLATES

As indicated, Joseph's first task was to protect the gold plates from those who wanted them for their monetary value and who wanted to thwart God's work. At first, he was opposed particularly by protestant ministers, and then later by ministers and apostates. One lady, contemporaneous with Joseph, wrote that a churchman (a minister) told her family in very "solemn and impressive tones" that the influence Joseph exercised, even as a young boy, was the

"danger they feared for the coming generation, that not only the young men, but all who came in contact with him, would follow him, and he must be put down.

Not until Joseph had had a second vision (Moroni's visit) and begun to write a book which drew many of the best and brightest people of the churches away did my parents come to a realization of the fact that their friend, the churchman, had told them the truth... (Andrus/Andrus, *They Knew the Prophet*, pp. 1-2)

Joseph first hid the gold plates in the cavity of an old log near Hill Cumorah. Their next hiding place was under the hearthstones in the Smith home. They were next wrapped in a cloth and hid under flax in a barn across the street from the Smith house. Finally, Joseph had to leave Manchester and go to Harmony, Pennsylvania where he and Emma, his wife, lived in a little cottage that belonged to Isaac Hale, Emma's father. Some of the record was translated here, but before it was finished, Joseph was forced to move once more. This time, he went to Fayette, New York where he lived with Peter Whitmer and his family while he finished translating the record.

Persecution followed Joseph wherever he went, and at times he was able to keep only a step ahead of his pursuers who were after the plates. In fact, Joseph's enemies around Manchester and Palmyra hired a "psychic," a "crystal ball gazer," to tell them where Joseph had hidden the plates from time to time.

When Joseph was able to translate how did he do it? Various descriptions have been left for us to read. Joseph said, simply: "Through the Urim and Thummim, I translated the record by the gift and power of God." (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. I, p. 127-130)

Oliver Cowdery, Joseph's scribe, wrote: "I wrote with my own pen the entire book of Mormon (save a few pages) as it fell from the lips of the Prophet Joseph Smith, as he translated by the gift and power of God, by means of the Urim and Thummim... (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. I, pp. 127-130)

David Whitmer, in whose house Joseph finished translating the *Book of Mormon*, wrote that Joseph would shut out as much light as possible, then

in the darkness the spiritual light would shine. A piece of something resembling parchment would appear, and under it was the interpretation in English. Brother Joseph would read off the English to Oliver Cowdery, who was his principle scribe, and when it was written down and repeated to Brother Joseph to see if it was correct, then it would disappear, and another character with the interpretation would appear. (Roberts, *A Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. I, pp. 127-130)

Finally, Ivan Barrett, a modern historian, has described the way in which Joseph translated the record. He wrote:

Our knowledge of how Joseph Smith translated the Book of Mormon record is fragmentary. He alone knew the procedure and simply said that he translated it by the gift and power of God by means of the Urim and Thummim. The purpose of the Urim and Thummim was to assist him in the work, not to do the work for him. With the use of this instrument, he exerted every faculty of concentration, of thought, and of study.

Information given by scribes and others closely associated with the Prophet during the translation of the ancient record indicates that the process may have been as follows: The translator and scribe were separated from one another by a screen that excluded the plates from the view of the scribe. Joseph had been forbidden by the angel to show the plates to anyone except certain designated witnesses. The Urim and Thummim (two transparent stones prepared anciently for seers to use, see *Exodus* 28:30, *Mosiah* 28:13-16, and *Abraham* 3:1-4) were attached to a breastplate made of gold metal,

concave on one side and convex on the other. There were four straps made of the same metallic material which were used to fasten it on the body. The breastplate was large enough to extend from the neck to the middle of the stomach of a large man. A rod extending from the breastplate was attached to the Urim and Thummim, which held the sacred lenses before the Prophet's eyes, so that by pressing his head a little forward, after strapping the breastplate on himself, he could gaze through the lenses at the characters on the Nephite record. "Joseph always used the breastplate while translating," said William Smith, "as it permitted him to have both hands free to touch the plates." Emma Smith helped during the translation of the first sixteen pages of the second manuscript...She testified that her husband "would dictate hour after hour, and when returning after meals, or after interruptions, he would at once begin where he had left off, without either seeing the manuscript or hearing any portion read."

Through strenuous effort in exercising faith and with the operation of the inspiration of God upon his mind, Joseph obtained the thought represented by the Nephite characters, understood it in the Nephite language, and then expressed it in language such as he was master of, which language was reflected and held in vision in the Urim and Thummim until written by the scribe. The language used was brightened, illuminated, and dignified by the spiritual light that radiated throughout his mind. One must concede, however, that the stock of words used in the *Book of Mormon* is far beyond the vocabulary of an unlettered youth. (Barrett, *Joseph Smith and the Restoration*, pp. 81-83)

In order to translate, Joseph's mind had to be in tune with the Spirit of the Lord. According to David Whitmer, Joseph lost his power to translate when his mind dwelt "too much on earthly things." At such times, he would kneel in prayer and humble himself, then he would be able to proceed. A good illustration of this may be seen in a little story about Joseph which David Whitmer wrote:

He could not translate unless he was humble and possessed the right feelings towards everyone. To illustrate so you can see: One morning when he was getting ready to continue the translation, something went wrong about the house and he was put out about it. Something that Emma, his wife, had done. Oliver and I went upstairs and Joseph came up soon after to continue the translation, but he could not do anything. He could not translate a single syllable. He went downstairs, out into the orchard, and made supplication to the Lord; was gone about an hour--came back to the

house, and asked Emma's forgiveness and then came upstairs where we were and then the translation went on alright. He could do nothing save he was humble and faithful. (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol I, p. 131)

Joseph received the gold plates in September 1827 and returned them to Moroni after he was finished translating in the summer (July or August) of 1829. However, during that period of time, he was able to translate only two months. He translated a book of 250,000 words in only two months. We'll talk more about this later.

So, where are the gold plates today? They are in Moroni's care. He is the custodian of the record.

## WITNESSES OF THE GOLD PLATES

Now we come to the third question: How were the gold plates, and the *Book of Mormon* which came from them, validated? Paul the Apostle, in his second letter to the Corinthian Saints, wrote that "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" (2 *Corinthians* 13:1). Furthermore, as Joseph translated the gold plates, he came upon the passage of scripture in 2 *Nephi* 27:6-14 in which Nephi predicted that the *Book of Mormon* would be given to Joseph Smith and translated by him through God's power. In verses 12 through 14, the Lord said:

Wherefore at that day when the book shall be hid from the eyes of the world, that the eyes of none shall behold it save it be that three witnesses shall behold it, by the power of God, besides him to whom the book shall be delivered; and they shall testify to the truth of the book and the things therein.

And there is none other which shall view it, save it be a few according to the will of God, to bear testimony of his word unto the children of men; for the Lord God hath said that the words of the faithful should speak as if it were from the dead.

Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to bring forth the words of the book; and in the mouth of as many witnesses as seemeth him good will he establish his word; and wo be unto him that rejecteth the word of God.

Joseph and Oliver naturally wondered who the privileged three would be. In time, David Whitmer and Martin Harris learned of the prophecy, and since these three men assisted Joseph in the work of translating, they hoped they might be the witnesses. Accordingly, they begged Joseph to ask the Lord for this privilege. He did and in response received the revelation recorded in *Doctrine and Covenants* 17:1-4 in which the Lord granted these men their desire and commanded them to bear record of what they saw and heard.

Shortly after Joseph received this revelation, he and Oliver finished translating the *Book of Mormon*. Joseph then sent word to his parents and Martin Harris in Palmyra to come to the Whitmer home in Fayette.

The morning after Joseph Sr., Lucy and Martin Harris arrived at Fayette, services were held in the Whitmer home. Scriptures were read, songs were sung and a prayer was offered. After prayer, Joseph walked to Martin Harris and said:

Martin Harris, you got to humble yourself before your God this day, that you may obtain a forgiveness of your sins. If you do, it is the will of God that you should look upon the plates, in company with Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 136)

Joseph and these three men then retired to a secluded spot not far from the house and commenced to pray for a vision. Joseph described what happened:

According to previous arrangements, I commenced by vocal prayer to our Heavenly Father, and was followed by each of the rest in succession. We did not, however, obtain any answer or manifestation of the divine favor in our behalf. We again observed the same order of prayer, each calling on and praying fervently to God in rotation, but with the same result as before. Upon this, our second failure, Martin Harris proposed that he withdraw himself from us, believing, as he expressed himself, that his presence was the cause of our not obtaining what we wished for; he accordingly withdrew from us and we knelt down again, and had not been many minutes engaged in prayer, when presently we beheld a light above us in the air of exceeding brightness; and behold an angel stood before us; in his hands he held the plates...he turned over the leaves one by one, so that we could see them and discover the engraving thereon distinctly. He then addressed himself to David Whitmer and said, "David, blessed is the Lord, and he that keeps His commandments." When immediately afterwards, we heard a voice from out of the bright light above us, saying: "These plates have been revealed by the



power of God. The translation of them which you have seen is correct and I command you to bear record of what you now see and hear.”

I now left David and Oliver, and went in pursuit of Martin Harris, whom I found at a considerable distance fervently engaged in prayer. He soon told me, however, that he had not yet prevailed with the Lord, and earnestly requested me to join him in prayer, that he also might realize the same blessings which we had just received. We accordingly joined in prayer, and ultimately obtained our desires, for before we had finished, the same vision was opened to our view, at least it was again to me, and I once more beheld and heard the same things whilst at the same moment, Martin Harris cried out, apparently in ecstasy of joy, “Tis enough; mine eyes have beheld!” and jumping up he shouted hosannah, blessing God and otherwise rejoiced exceedingly (*History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 54-55).

When the men returned to the Whitmer house, Joseph Sr., Lucy and Mrs. Whitmer were sitting in a bedroom visiting. Joseph went in, threw himself down beside his mother and exclaimed:

Father, Mother, you do not know how happy I am; the Lord has now caused the plates to be shown to three more besides myself. They have seen the angel, who has testified to them, and they will have to bear witness to the truth of what I have said, for now they know for themselves that I do not go about to deceive the people, and I feel as if I was relieved of a burden which was almost too heavy for me to bear, and it rejoices my soul that I am not any longer to be entirely alone in the work (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 137).

The three witnesses wrote their testimony which appears in every copy of the *Book of Mormon* published by the Church. Furthermore, even though all three witnesses left the Church, not one of them ever denied his testimony.

In 1838, Oliver Cowdery fell away from the Church and was excommunicated. He was outside the Church for eleven years. Yet during that time he never denied his testimony, though he had opportunity to do so. For example, Oliver became an attorney and prosecuted a person for murder. In the trial, after his opening argument, the attorney for the defendant arose and said:

May it please the Court, and gentlemen of the jury, I challenge Mr. Cowdery, since he seems to know so much about this poor defendant, to tell

us something about his connection with Joe Smith, and the digging out of the hill of the Mormon bible, and how Mr. Cowdery helped Joe Smith to defraud the American people out of a whole lot of money by selling the Mormon bible and telling them that an angel appeared to them from heaven, dressed in white clothes (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 142)

Before this, the people, of course, did not know they had elected for county prosecutor a man who had worked closely with Joseph Smith in bringing forth the *Book of Mormon*. Oliver arose from his seat and said:

If your Honor please, and gentlemen of the jury, the attorney on the opposite side has challenged me to state my connection with Joseph Smith and the *Book of Mormon*; and as I cannot now avoid the responsibility, I must admit to you that I am the very Oliver Cowdery whose name is attached to the testimony, with others, as to the appearance of the Angel Moroni; and let me tell you that it is not because of my good deeds that I am here, away from the body of the Mormon Church, but because I have broken the covenants I once made, and I was cut off from the Church; but gentlemen of the jury, I have never denied my testimony, which is attached to the front page of the *Book of Mormon*, and I declare to you here that these eyes saw the angel and these ears of mine heard the voice of the angel, and he told us his name was Moroni; that the book was true, and contained the fulness of the Gospel, and we were also told that if we ever denied what we had heard and seen that there would be no forgiveness for us, neither in this world nor in the world to come (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. I, p. 142).

In 1838, David Whitmer was excommunicated from the Church. Subsequently, he became a bitter opponent of Joseph Smith. Yet, he never denied his testimony. On September 7, 1878, he was interviewed by Orson Pratt and Joseph F. Smith. He said:

The angel showed the plates...The fact is, it was just as though Joseph, Oliver and I were sitting here on a log, when we were overshadowed by a light. It was not like the light of the sun, nor like that of a fire, but more glorious and beautiful. It extended away around us, I cannot tell how far, but in the midst of this light...there appeared as it were a table with many records or plates upon it, besides the plates of the *Book of Mormon*, also the sword of Laban, the directors (the Liahona). I saw them just as plain as I see this bed...and I heard the voice of the Lord, as distinctly as I ever heard anything in my life, declaring that the records of the plates of the *Book of Mormon* were

translated by the gift and power of God (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 143-144).

In 1837, Martin Harris was excommunicated from the Church. He was separated from it for 33 years. In 1870 he journeyed to Utah and died there in 1875. During the 33 years he was outside the Church, he never denied his testimony.

Just before he died, Martin Harris met with some friends in the house of Edward Stevenson in Salt Lake City. At that time, he made a statement about the appearance of Moroni to him many years before in Fayette, New York. Stevenson wrote:

Brother Harris said that the Angel stood on the opposite side of the table on which were the plates, the interpreters, etc., and took the plates in his hand and turned them over. To more fully illustrate this to them (Stevenson's guests) Brother Martin took up a book and turned over the leaves one by one. The Angel declared that the *Book of Mormon* was correctly translated by the power of God, and not of man, and that it contained the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Nephites, who were a branch of the House of Israel, and had come from the land of Jerusalem to America. The witnesses were required to bear their testimony of these things, and of this open vision, to all people, and he (Harris) testified not only to those present, but to all the world, that these things were true, and before God whom he expected to meet in the day of judgment, he lied not (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 142-143).

Not only did Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris see the gold plates, but nine others did also. One of these was a woman. Her name was Mary Whitmer, the mother of David Whitmer.

When Joseph Smith, his wife, Emma, and Oliver Cowdery left Harmony, Pennsylvania and went to Fayette, New York to finish translating the gold plates, they moved in with the Whitmers who were already a large family. This increased Mrs. Whitmer's responsibilities sufficiently that she frequently felt unusually tired and perhaps a bit discouraged, though she never complained. One evening as she went out to milk the cow, a heaven-sent messenger appeared and showed her the gold plates, saying that she deserved some encouragement, and a sign that the work in which Joseph was engaged was true. Mrs. Whitmer was among the first to join the Church after it was organized.

This leaves eight more witnesses to discuss. They were members of the Smith and Whitmer families. When Joseph and his entourage returned to Manchester from Fayette, after completing the translation, Joseph showed the gold plates to the eight witnesses. Lucy Smith wrote about that experience in the following words:

Soon after they came, all the male part of the company, with my husband, Samuel and Hyrum (Joseph's brothers) retired to a place where the family were in the habit of offering up their devotions to God. They went to this place because it had been revealed to Joseph that the plates would be carried thither by one of the ancient Nephites. Here it was that those eight witnesses, whose names are recorded in the *Book of Mormon*, looked upon them and handled them...After these witnesses returned to the house, the Angel again made his appearance to Joseph, at which time Joseph delivered up the plates into the Angel's hands (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 147).

Significantly, three of the eight witnesses left the Church, but none denied his testimony concerning the gold plates as recorded in copies of the *Book of Mormon*. So, counting Joseph Smith, there were thirteen witnesses of the gold plates. Four of the thirteen experienced spiritual manifestations while they beheld the plates. None ever denied his or her testimony concerning the plates.

So the *Book of Mormon* was witnessed at two levels, the spiritual and physical levels. But why? Critics of the Book of Mormon have claimed that the three witnesses hallucinated when they saw the angel showing them the plates and heard God's voice declaring the plates to have been translated by the gift and power of God. And critics have suggested that Joseph Smith somehow produced metal plates to present to the eight witnesses. BH Roberts explains why the experience of the three witnesses and those of the eight witnesses compliment each other.

The hallucination theory breaks down under the force of the matter-of-fact testimony of the eight witnesses, from which all possible elements of hallucination are absent.

The manifestation of divine power, through which the three witnesses received their testimony, destroys the theory of deception alleged to have been practiced by the prophet on the credulity of the eight witnesses by exhibiting plates either manufactured by himself or some ancient plates accidentally discovered. (Roberts *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol I, p. 154.)

Combined then, the testimony of the three witnesses and that of the eight witnesses constitutes powerful, irrefutable testimony that the *Book of Mormon* was indeed translated from a record inscribed on gold plates by the gift and power of God.

## PURPOSES OF THE *BOOK OF MORMON*

Now we come to question four: What is the purpose of the *Book of Mormon*? Why is it necessary?

The *Book of Mormon* is itself a witness. It is "another" witness of Jesus Christ, reinforcing the *Bible* as Christ's first witness. This fact was declared by a *Book of Mormon* prophet named Nephi who beheld in vision an angel of God. The angel spoke to Nephi, saying:

These last records, which thou hast seen among the Gentiles (he meant the *Book of Mormon*) shall establish the truth of the first, which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (this would be the *Bible*), and shall make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away from them; and shall make known to all kindreds, tongues and people, that the Lamb of God is the Son of the Eternal Father, and the Savior of the world; and that all men must come unto him, or they cannot be saved (*1 Nephi 13:40*)

The Bible also speaks of two witnesses. Ezekiel, an *Old Testament* prophet, wrote:

The word of the Lord came again unto me saying,

Moreover thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions; and join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

Say unto them, thus sayeth the Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his

fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. (*Ezekiel 37:15-20.*)

So the *Bible* and *Book of Mormon* reinforce each other. They work as one record in declaring Christ to the world.

But the *Book of Mormon* also reinforces the *Bible* in another way. A *Book of Mormon* prophet named Nephi beheld in vision the *Bible* and how "many plain and precious parts of the *Bible*" were lost to the world because its translators and transcribers were either careless or wanted to make the scriptures conform to personal philosophies. As the vision unfolded, the angel of the Lord said to Nephi:

Thou hast beheld that the book (the *Bible*) proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew (Jesus and His disciples) and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew it contained the fulness of the gospel of the Lord, of whom the twelve apostles bear record...Wherefore, these things go forth from the Jews in purity unto the Gentiles, according to the truth which is in God.

And after they go forth by the hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that great and abominable church, which is most abominable above all other churches; for behold, they have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious; and also many covenants of the Lord have they taken away...

And after these plain and precious things were taken away it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles; and after it goeth forth unto all the nations of the Gentiles...an exceedingly great many do stumble, yea, insomuch that Satan hath great power over them.

Wherefore, saith the Lamb of God: I will be merciful unto the Gentiles...

For, behold, saith the Lamb: I will manifest myself unto thy seed that they shall write many things which I shall minister unto them, which shall be plain and precious; and after thy seed shall be destroyed, and dwindle in



unbelief, and also the seed of thy brethren, behold these things shall be hid up, to come forth unto the Gentiles, by the gift and power of the Lamb.

And in them shall be written my gospel, saith the Lamb, and my rock and my salvation (*1 Nephi 13:24-36*).

So the *Book of Mormon* restores to the world the “many plain and precious parts” of the Gospel not found in the *Bible* for one reason or another. And in restoring these “plain and precious parts” it presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness to the world, that mankind might know what is necessary to “come unto Christ.”

## EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF *BOOK OF MORMON'S* DIVINITY

Now we come to the fifth question: What is the external evidence of the *Book of Mormon's* divinity? We could certainly spend a long time answering and discussing this question. Since we don't have the time, I'm going to list briefly some evidence given in a talk by Daniel C. Peterson entitled “A Scholar Looks at the Evidences for the *Book of Mormon*.”

First, the sheer speed with which the *Book of Mormon* was produced is a miracle. The *Book of Mormon* is composed of about 250,000 words, and was written in just a little over two months. That's about 125,000 words per month, and about 31,250 words per week, which means about 4,464 words per day for seven days. Now, this presentation tonight is 43 pages in length, and each page averages about 175 words. That means a total of 7500 words, a little less than two days of work as measured by Joseph Smith's output in translating the *Book of Mormon*.

Now, I figure the time spent in preparing this presentation to be about 12 hours. That's not bad for a 7,500 word paper of fair quality — most college students would like to enjoy that kind of output. But, I've prepared for a lifetime to write a paper such as this. Besides, I've incorporated material into it that had been prepared by others. Finally, I'm sufficiently familiar with the English language that I write it with ease. Joseph had none of this going for him. He was unschooled, unread and for the most part unlearned in the arts of research, scholarship and literary composition. Even if he had possessed these skills, there was no depository of information for him to consult--no University of Palmyra. He had nothing but his youthful frontier mind, some gold plates with strange

inscriptions, and the Urim/Thummim. When Joseph said he translated the *Book of Mormon* through the "gift and power of God," he meant exactly what he said.

Second, recent research by Warren and Michaela Aston of Australia has revealed two *Book of Mormon* sites in Arabia. One site is in Yemen at a place called Nahem which is very much like the word Nahom in the *Book of Mormon* where Ishmael, a member of Lehi's party was buried (*1 Nephi* 16:34). There is a graveyard there, but no excavating has been done because it is not yet permitted. But this place fits the exact location of Nahom in the *Book of Mormon*.

Another site is currently known as Wadi Sayq. It is due east of Nahom along the coast of Arabia and is one of very few places in Arabia where there is fresh water, fruit, trees large enough to produce lumber for a boat, and a beach (*1 Nephi* 17:5). Now, how could Joseph Smith have known about Nahem and Wadi Sayq? Even Professor Joseph Smith at the University of Palmyra would not have known of such specific places in such a far-away land as Arabia in 1829.

Third, there are names in the *Book of Mormon* such as Alma and Mosiah that we need to discuss briefly. Traditionally, here in the West, Alma has been a woman's name. But Joseph Smith used it as a man's name in the *Book of Mormon* and was criticized for doing so. However, a recent discovery by Yigael Yadin, who found a document in a cave along the Dead Sea which bore the name of Alma son of Judah, indicates that Alma was an ancient Semitic man's name.

Also, there is the name of Mosiah. Scholars believe this name comes from the Hebrew name Moshiah which appears in Hebrew writings, but not in the King James translation of the *Bible*. So there is no way Joseph Smith could have read this name in his bible. But what is really interesting is what the name connotes. To the Hebrews it meant a "champion of justice in a situation of controversy, battle or oppression. He's a kind of savior figure" (Peterson, *A Scholar Looks at Evidences for the Book of Mormon*, p. 20).

The Moshiah figure was always appointed by God. He liberated a chosen people from distress after they cried for help. He usually delivered them by non-violent means. And after deliverance, the people returned to a state of justice where each had control over his/her property.

Now, we read in *Omni* (in the *Book of Mormon*) about a man named Mosiah who met all the criteria just identified remarkably well.

Behold, I will speak unto you somewhat concerning Mosiah, who was made king of the land of Zarahemla; for behold, he being warned of the Lord that he should flee out of the land of Nephi, and as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord should also depart out of the land with him, into the wilderness—

And it came to pass that he did according as the Lord had commanded him. And they departed out of the land into the wilderness, as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord; and they were led by many preachings and prophesyings. And they were admonished continually by the word of God; and they were led by the power of his arm, through the wilderness until they came down into the land which is called the land of Zarahemla (*Omni* 1:12-13).

So, in this instance we have a man named Mosiah who delivered a people by nonviolent means, and who founded a line of kings including another man named Mosiah whose “entire history” was “characterized by this idea of delivering people from oppression” (Peterson, *A Scholar Looks at the Evidences for the Book of Mormon*).

How could Joseph Smith ever have known the Hebrew meaning of Mosiah and worked such a character so cleverly into his story. Even Professor Joseph Smith from Palmyra University could not have known and done that.

Finally, some people have criticized the *Book of Mormon* because it was written in Hebrew with Egyptian characters (*1 Nephi* 1:2). Reformed Egyptian is what it has been called. Ancient books were not written that way, critics have said. But today we know better. According to Daniel Peterson

We now have an example of one of the psalms that was written in much this way, using Egyptian characters. Maimonides used it in his great book, writing an Arabic text in Hebrew letters. We do it all the time even today. If you take a class in Chinese, usually you don't start off reading the Chinese characters. You begin learning it in Romanization. That's reformed Chinese. That's Chinese written in Roman letters. So there's nothing unusual here (Peterson, *A Scholar Looks at Evidences for the Book of Mormon*, p. 26).

Just recently I received an order for commissary from one of our missionaries for a *Book of Mormon* written in Japanese with English alphabet. It is called Rumani.

So what scholars once thought was a mistake on Joseph's part by the *Book of Mormon's* claim that it was written in Reformed Egyptian, has turned out not to have been a mistake at all. Unlettered Joseph was on target again.

## CONCLUSION

But we could discuss external evidence to prove the *Book of Mormon* true till the Millennium and not get the job done. The only sure way to know is follow the formula given for us in the Book itself. In the last chapter of the last book in the *Book of Mormon* we read an unusual promise. It is unusual because I have never read it in any other book, and it directly challenges the reader to test the source of its contents. It reads:

Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts.

And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the holy Ghost.

And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things (*Moroni* 10:3-5).

My hope and prayer is that you may know, as I do, that the *Book of Mormon* is all it claims to be. That it was written by God's prophets under the influence of the Holy Ghost. That it was revealed to Joseph Smith by the Angel Moroni and was interpreted by Joseph through the "gift and power of God." If you can know this, the Book will change your life for good in some very remarkable ways. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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## Were the “Golden” Plates Gold?

What were the gold plates like? If we had “hefted” and examined the plates for ourselves, as the Eight Witnesses did in 1829, what would we have learned about them?

Joseph Smith said that the set of plates was 8 inches long, 6 inches wide, and 6 inches thick. That makes about .1666 cubic foot, which would weigh about 200 pounds if made of pure 24K gold. That is a lot for Joseph Smith to have carried.

The plates may have weighed less and still have been gold. Metallurgist-blacksmith Reed Putnam has shown that hammered plates of 24K gold would weigh only half as much as a solid block the same size. That would make the plates about 100 pounds, a more reasonable weight for Joseph to have carried.

However, Putnam also points out that if the plates were made of a common Central American alloy called tumbaga, made of 8K gold and copper, they would have weighed around 53 pounds. Interestingly enough, William Smith, brother of the Prophet, lifted the plates while they were in a pillowcase and estimated that they weighed 60 pounds, and Martin Harris, one of the Three Witnesses, said they weighed 40 to 50 pounds. William also said the plates were a mixture of gold and copper.

Pure gold would be too soft to make useful plates. But tumbaga is remarkably tough and resilient, even in sheets as thin as the gold plates are described as being (like thick paper, Emma said, or “not quite as thick as common tin,” according to Joseph, Martin Harris, and David Whitmer). In ancient America, tumbaga was commonly treated with a simple acid (such as citric acid), making it easy to engrave and turning it from its natural red to a “golden” color.

Whether the plates were made of tumbaga or some other alloy, reasonable sense can be made of the physical description of the plates, and of their possible metallurgical composition.



# THE CHURCH

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## ORGANIZING THE CHURCH

Joseph Smith, as prophet of the Restoration, was commanded to organize God's church. It had become lost to the world when priesthood authority ceased to function on Earth when the Quorum of Twelve Apostles failed to meet after 49 A.D. Without priesthood authority to direct and keep it organized according to God's pattern, the Church drifted into oblivion and, in time, was replaced by the Roman Catholic and other churches. But now, with an authorized prophet to receive revelation from God and direct His affairs on Earth, the Church once more, and for the last time, was restored.

The revelation commanding Joseph to organize God's church was received in April 1830, following publication of the *Book of Mormon*. In that revelation, Joseph was told exactly when to organize the Church, what its basic doctrines, organization and procedures should be. It is recorded in the *Doctrine and Covenants*, Section 20, but for our purposes, we will read only the first four verses:

The rise of the Church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, it being regularly organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April—

Which commandments were given to Joseph Smith, Jun. who was called of God, and ordained an apostle of Jesus Christ, be the first elder of this church;

And to Oliver Cowdery, who was also called of God, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to be the second elder of the church, and ordained under his hand;

And this according to the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to whom be all glory, both now and forever, Amen. (*Doctrine and Covenants* 20:1-4)

The Church was organized, then, on April 6, 1830, exactly 1,830 years following the birth of Jesus Christ. So, the Christian world commemorates Christ's birth in December, but that is not when He was born. He was born during springtime, when, symbolically, hope is born anew in the breasts of Earthlings for another start, for better times. After all, that is what Christ brought: new hope for our eternal well-being. With the winter of our past behind us, through repentance, and Christ's power to forgive, we can begin anew.

On the date specified, Joseph and about fifty other people (family and friends) gathered at Peter Whitmer's house in Fayette, New York, and the Church was organized. Most of those who participated were young men. The historian wrote:

The Prophet himself was but twenty-five. Oliver Cowdery, a year younger. Hyrum Smith was thirty, Samuel Smith...but twenty-two; Hyrum Page...the Knight boys...were all under thirty...

Brigham Young was but twenty-nine when the church was organized. Heber C. Kimball was the same age. Parley P. Pratt destined to be recognized as its most powerful advocate in its early days, by both prose and poetic writing, was twenty-three. Orson Pratt, the future theologian and philosopher of the movement, was but nineteen. It was a work which from its nature emphatically called for the enthusiasm, the faith, the hope of youth, and the youthful were most responsive to its call (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 187).

When the Church was organized, meeting was opened by prayer. The Prophet then called upon those present to accept Oliver and himself as their teachers in God's Kingdom. They indicated their acceptance. He then asked them if they desired a church to be organized. They said they did. So Joseph ordained Oliver Cowdery to be an elder in the Church. And Oliver ordained Joseph. The sacrament was administered. Then those who had already been baptized were confirmed members of the Church and given the Holy Ghost. Some enjoyed the gift of prophecy, and "all rejoiced exceedingly" (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 196).

Before we go on, a principle worthy of note is that of common consent. Remember? Joseph asked those present if they would accept Oliver and himself as their teachers. He also asked them if they desired a church to be organized. He asked these questions after God had already manifest His will in the matter. Why? Because in God's kingdom, there is no place for dictatorial rule. Church members were to be given the right to exercise their agency in sustaining or rejecting officers and proposals. B. H. Roberts, a church historian, explains the principle:

In the process of effecting that organization (organizing the Church) we see in operation two great principles-(1) the expressed mind and will of God; (2) the consent of the people. The Lord had given commandment to his chosen servants to organize the church; but before they proceed to effect that organization the people that are available as members must consent to the organization. Although Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery had been ordained under the hands of Peter, James and John to be apostles, yet when it came their being ordained presiding elders of the church, that could only be done with the consent of those who were to become members of the church; and thus in the very inception of the work the principle that "all things shall be done by common consent in the church, by much prayer and faith," was recognized; and subsequently it was announced as the law, that "no person is to be ordained to any office in this church, where there is a regularly organized branch of the same, without the vote of that church." All this because the government of the church of Christ, like all God's exercise of authority—is moral government only. There are two kinds of authority represented in government, effective and moral. Effective authority operates by compulsion, and is the authority of earthly, human governments. Moral authority operates by persuasion only; this is the method of divine government. "The action of

God upon man is moral, and moral only." By constituting man free, God "has refused to exercise effective authority over him." "An ecclesiastical or political society claiming divine authority, must exercise moral authority only; the moment it exercises compulsion it ceases to represent God, and resolves itself into effective authority which is human, all human, and not at all divine" (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 197-198).

Finally, on the occasion of its organization, the Church was named. First, it was officially the Church of Jesus Christ, and was called, simply, the Church of Christ until 1834. At that time, in a conference of the Church, its name was changed to the Church of the Latter-day Saints. Then in 1838, by a revelation recorded in the *Doctrine and Covenants* 115:4, its name was changed again to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Now, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints could not function without God's priesthood. So, we need to discuss priesthood for a few minutes.

The definition of Priesthood includes three parts: It is the power of God. It is His authority delegated to man to act for God. And it is God's distinctive organization. To define it without including all three of these parts is to define it incompletely.

As God's power, Priesthood is eternal (*Doctrine and Covenants* 84:17). It existed before the "foundation of the earth" (*Abraham* 1:3), and will continue through the "end of the world also" (*Moses* 6:7). Joseph Smith taught: "The Priesthood is an everlasting principle, and existed with god from eternity, and will to eternity, without beginning of days or end of years" (*History of the Church*, Vol. 3, p. 386). Reasonably, if God is eternal, then His power must be eternal. Now, in some peoples' minds, I suppose "eternal" means only without beginning or end. And while that is true, we must understand that "Eternal" is also a title applied to God. So the Eternal Priesthood simply means God's power. It is the power by which God created and creates, and by which He governed and governs all His creations. This means Earth and all life on it exist because of and by Priesthood power. It means the universe and galaxies exist because of and by Priesthood power. This is implied in *Abraham* 3:1-17, which makes interesting reading. So, when we think of Priesthood in this light, priesthood holders, dedicated to doing God's will, certainly should be awe-struck.

As God's authority delegated to man, Priesthood validates all ordinances performed in God's name. Without Priesthood, we are told, "the power of Godliness" would not be "manifest unto men in the flesh" (*Doctrine and Covenants* 84:21). Therefore, never has God's church been upon Earth without the Priesthood. And Seldom has the Priesthood been upon Earth without the Church. They need each other. They complement each other. The Church needs the Priesthood's validating authority. And the Priesthood needs the Church to prepare candidates for temple ordinances, and to administer these ordinances to those who qualify. So, priesthood and church, working together, bring truth into one great whole for the eternal benefit of mankind.

The Priesthood, then, was received by Adam, Noah, Abraham and Moses. It functioned in God's church during the times of these patriarchs. When Moses died, the Melchizedek Priesthood, as an institutional authority, was taken from Earth, and was not restored until the ministry of Jesus Christ. During this long period when the Melchizedek Priesthood was not on Earth, the Aaronic Priesthood functioned among Israelites and Jews. During the Savior's

ministry, He gave the Melchizedek Priesthood to Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration, and, for a time, the Church functioned under that authority. But after the Quorum of Twelve Apostles met for the last time in 49 A.D., the Priesthood once more was taken from Earth and was not restored until Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery received it in 1829 (Read *History of the Church*, Vol 3, pp. 385-388).

So, this brings us to Priesthood organization. The Priesthood is organized into the Aaronic Priesthood, named after Aaron, Moses' brother, and the Melchizedek Priesthood, named after God's presiding high priest during Abraham's time. The lower or Aaronic Priesthood prepares men to hold the higher or Melchizedek Priesthood. Both have their priesthood offices. In the Aaronic Priesthood are Deacons, Teachers, and Priests. In the Melchizedek Priesthood are Elders, Seventies and High Priests. In the Melchizedek Priesthood, even though Elders, Seventies and High Priests, for example, hold the same priesthood, they also hold different keys, or special grants of authority, within that priesthood. So officers, including bishops, stake presidents, apostles, patriarchs and missionaries are called to serve by a grant of special authority or by the bestowal of priesthood keys. So, all of the priesthood offices and officers we read about in the *New Testament* are present in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (See: 1 Tim 10:1-8 for deacons; Eph 4:11-15 for teachers; Mal 2:7 for priests; Acts 14:23 for elders; Luke 10:1 for seventies; Heb 5:1, 8-10 for high priests; 1 Tim 3:1-13 for bishops; and Eph 4:11-15 for apostles). It is indeed Christ's church restored. Sections 20 and 107 of the *Doctrine and Covenants* help us understand priesthood functions and offices.

Now, how is the Priesthood bestowed upon a person? It is bestowed the same way it was bestowed upon ancient priesthood-bearers. First, he who is to bear the Priesthood is called of God through God's authorized servants. He is then ordained to the Priesthood office to which he has been called. That is, the authority pertaining to that office is given to him through the laying on of hands by those who are authorized.

All of this is scriptural. In the book of *Hebrews*, for example, Paul the Apostle said that "no man taketh this honour (the Priesthood), but he that is called of God as was Aaron" (*Hebrews* 5:4). And how was Aaron called of God? God told Moses, Aaron's brother and God's authorized servant, to "take unto thee Aaron, thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office" (*Exodus* 28:1).

And in the book of *Acts*, an example of how men are ordained to the Priesthood is clearly given. As the ancient church grew in numbers, the Apostles knew they had to be assisted by other Priesthood leaders. So they selected seven men of good reputation and "when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them" (*Acts* 6:6).

So, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this is how the Priesthood is given to young and old alike—to deacons in the Aaronic Priesthood and to the President, Prophet, Seer and Revelator (the presiding high priest) of the Church. If President Gordon B. Hinckley should die now, the president, or senior member, of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles would lead the Church until the whole Quorum could be present to select and ordain another President, Prophet, Seer and Revelator. Always before, the man selected has been the president of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles. And if for some unlikely reason the Quorum of Twelve Apostles were not able to do this, then the First Quorum of Seventy would do it. The procedure, with its backup system in place, was revealed to the Church through Joseph Smith in Kirtland, Ohio March 28, 1835 and is recorded in *Doctrine and Covenants* 107:22-27).

The purpose of the Priesthood has already been implied in defining the Priesthood. It is what God's purpose is: "to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man" (Moses 1:39). The Savior has already provided immortality to all. But only those who qualify by their works will achieve eternal life. And what works are we talking about? We're talking about faith, repentance, baptism, receiving the Holy Ghost, and temple work. I think temple work is the highest expression of Priesthood purpose on Earth. First, we qualify to enter the temple, then save ourselves through the temple endowment and sealing ordinances. After that, we save the dead. These temple ordinances are all assigned to the Melchizedek Priesthood. That is how important they are. Even temple baptisms are performed by Melchizedek Priesthood holders. This work (temple work) is validated by Priesthood authority delegated to those called to officiate in the temple.

Not only was the Church organized according to Priesthood offices, but certain organizations, auxiliary to the Priesthood, were created and developed to meet special needs of church members. These were the Relief Society, Sunday School, Young Womens' Mutual Improvement Association, Young Mens' Mutual Improvement Association, and the Primary.

The Relief Society was organized by Sarah M. Kimball, and other interested ladies, under the direction of Joseph Smith. The official date of its organization was March 17, 1842. It was organized for women in the Church to assist Priesthood bearers in meeting needs of distressed church members, and to teach women to be resourceful and self-reliant. Its first president was Emma Smith, Joseph's wife. It grew quickly, until today it is one of the largest womens' organizations in the world, and certainly one of the most effective in terms of contributions for mankind's blessing.

The Sunday School was organized by Richard Balantyne, in 1848, to assist church members in learning and understanding church doctrine. Today it is an integral part of Sunday services for young and old alike.

The Young Womens' Mutual Improvement Association was organized by Isabella Horne and Eliza R. Snow, under Brigham Young's direction, in 1869. It was to inculcate gospel values and teach proper behavior to young women in the church while providing an acceptable social environment for their mutual associations.

The Young Mens' Mutual Improvement Association was organized by Junius F. Wells, under Brigham Young's direction, in 1875. Its purpose was the same as that for young women. In time, the two organizations were brought together and were called the Mutual Improvement Association, or the M.I.A.

The Primary was organized in 1878 by Aurelia S. Rogers in Farmington, Utah. It was organized to teach the Gospel to children in the Church, and to bring them together in a meeting of their own.

All these auxiliary organizations of the Church are supervised and coordinated under priesthood direction. The Priesthood and priesthood organization is the engine of the Church. It directs and invigorates all facets of church makeup and function. Without Priesthood, the Church would be nothing but an empty shell. So Priesthood helps define the purpose of the Church. Now, let's discuss that briefly.



## PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

The Church is Christ's formal and official organization of disciples who have taken upon them His name, through baptism, and have received the Holy Ghost to help them along that straight and narrow path which leads to Eternal Life. In my mind, the Church opens gates along that path for all who "knock" that these gates might be "opened" unto them. The first gate opened through agency of the Church is baptism. That gate must be opened before the Holy Ghost can be given. The Holy Ghost is necessary, as indicated, to help us along the path leading to Eternal Life, and finally to purge and sanctify us that we might be worthy to dwell in God's presence. Without operation of the Holy Ghost upon us, we would not be worthy to live the life that God lives. And, generally, we receive the Holy Ghost only after baptism. This, then, is what makes baptism so important.

After the gate of baptism has been opened and we have received the Holy Ghost, the next gate to be opened for anyone seeking Eternal Life is the endowment ceremony in the temple. But opening this gate only prepares us for the final gate which opens when we are sealed as part of an eternal family. Then if we remain on the path, by holding fast to the iron rod, if we endure to the end, we are exalted and enjoy Eternal Life, which means the life that God lives.

So, the function of Christ's church is not just to unite us in an earthly organization where we can socialize with each other, but to provide the means (that is, the plan, power and authority, as well as the places, or temples) which enable us to serve as saviors of each other. Thus, when we send missionaries into the world, we send them not just to baptize people into the Church, but to put people on that pathway leading to Eternal Life, and as they make their way toward their eternal goal, the Church helps them open the gates which permit them to stay on that pathway.

Christ's church, then is a great service organization. It exists to help us (each person) meet our test in life. And that is what life is all about--to test our desire to be where God is and consequently our faithfulness in doing what must be done to get there. So, as we act and interact, and as we are called to serve in various ways, we either pass or fail the test. Remember what *Doctrine and Covenants* 121:40 says: "Hence many are called, but few are chosen." In all callings extended to church members throughout the history of this Church only those who carry out their callings faithfully and responsibly will qualify to be with God in the Eternal World. The others may be no better off, maybe not as well off, as those who have chosen not to be associated with the Church at all. Certainly those who were born and raised in the Church and then leave will not qualify, unless they repent and return.

Now, I do not believe, as some do, that the Church stands between us and God. It does not. The relationship between us, God, and the Church can best be diagramed, I think, by using a triangle. God is at the apex. Each person is at one of the base points. And the Church is at the other base point. Each of us is here in this life to exercise personal agency, to see if all things which God commands to be done for exaltation and Eternal Life are actually done. The Church is here to help us do that, but only to help. It is not here to take agency from us and rule tyrannically. So, as already indicated, the Church gives its members opportunity to serve God by serving each other through church callings. It even allows us to serve the dead through temple work. It also organizes the efforts of church members and collects their money



contributions so these efforts and the money collected can be more focused and have a greater impact for good in the world. A collective, focused effort is always more effective than a fragmented effort. Besides, the saving ordinances of the Gospel (temple ordinances) cannot be performed outside the Church because the Priesthood is found only in the Church.

I don't understand the thinking of those who claim the Church stands between us and God. The bishop cannot coerce us. He can counsel us and in certain instances disfellowship Melchizedek Priesthood members. Likewise, the stake president cannot coerce us. He, too, can counsel and in certain instances excommunicate Melchizedek Priesthood members. But we are the ones who decide what we will do. And we deserve God's ratification in every call that is extended, and in all counsel given by any church authority. This has happened to me many times during church service. When I've been called to serve, I've known through the quiet, but convincing ministrations of the Holy Ghost that the call was valid and, by accepting and discharging it, I was doing God's will. Without that feeling, I suppose we are under no obligation to accept a call. And I suppose we should not assume that all calls are inspired. Many, I'm sure, are not. Nevertheless, they may be valid calls simply because the person issuing the call represents the Lord in that particular position. So what we need to work for in the Church is that quiet, but impressive feeling of personal ratification or approval given by the Holy Ghost. We're all entitled to it, all the time, and as long as we earnestly seek it, the Church never can stand between us and God.

## HISTORY AND GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

Let's now turn our attention for a few minutes from the purpose of the Church to its history and growth. Generally, what is the history of the Church, and in our own time how rapidly and extensively has it grown?

Christ's church is as old as Adam. The Church, Priesthood, temples and temple ordinances have their roots in antiquity. God has always dealt with His children on Earth through His church which operates by the power and authority of His priesthood. And the most evident symbols of God's power and authority are prophets, a priesthood, temples and temple ordinances.

The Church existed before the flood, after the flood, during the Meridian of Time, in Asia, in ancient America, and it is currently in modern America. And what is so exciting about the Church today is that all priesthood keys and ordinances practiced in ancient times have been restored, and differentiate this, the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times, from all other dispensations in church history.

The Catholics, Protestants and Masons were not on Earth first. What they teach and practice are only pallid imitations of the original, the real thing—God's teachings and organization. The Holy Ghost told Nephi, a *Book of Mormon* prophet, that there are only two churches on Earth. One is God's church, and all others constitute a great and powerful church which is not His. It is the world's church (1 Nephi 14:10).

The scripture goes on to say that the world's church is very powerful, having "dominion over all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people," seducing God's children from the true source of everlasting happiness to the transitory pleasures of the world, where religion is mixed with the philosophies of men, and where men buy with money that which

should be sacred. So, this brings us to the question: How has the world been able to imitate God's teachings and organization?

From the beginning of time, Satan worked to foil God's plan. Cain slew Abel under Satan's influence. Then, the two bargained with each other after their fratricide was accomplished. So, Satan has had his helpers, his false priests working within his false priesthood, from the very beginning, Cain, then, was perhaps the first apostate, but a multitude of others followed. These early apostates took with them a knowledge of the Priesthood with its ordinances. Then under Satan's influence, it was debased by the adornment of much worldliness, but was left sufficiently intact that Satan and his priests could claim it to be the real thing.

In time, Egypt became the center from which an imitation of the Priesthood with its temple procedures spread throughout the whole Mediterranean world. This was because Abraham, according to Josephus (a Jewish historian) taught the Egyptians what God had revealed to him. But after Abraham, his teachings faded in the minds of men and became corrupted. Today, however, excavations in Egypt reveal structures designed much like our temples, and temple procedures much like those practiced by temple-worthy Latter-day Saints (Griggs, *Early Egyptian Christianity from its Origins to 451 CE*).

About 390 years following the Meridian of Time, Christianity became Rome's official religion, and a new church was born, the Roman Catholic Church. Catholic means universal and that is exactly what the Roman Church became. For centuries, it was the world's church and, in time, gave birth to all major protestant religions. The real Priesthood, of course, had been taken from Earth long before the church of Rome was established, and the Priesthood could return only through a restoration. We have already told that story.

So, like the stone in Daniels interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream (*Daniel 2*), the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was cut out of the mountain "without hands." That is, it was not man-made, but restored by God. And like the stone, it was tiny. But it grew fast as it rolled along its appointed path to cover the whole Earth.

We have already learned that about fifty people were present when the Church was organized in Fayette, New York on April 6, 1830. Only six of those present signed their names to the legal documents required. So, Latter-day Saints usually say that the Church started with six people.

About a year later, in 1831, soon after Joseph Smith and a few disciples were driven, through persecution, from New York and went to Kirtland, Ohio to live, the Church numbered over 1,000 members. Between 1831 and 1838, it spread from Ohio to western Missouri and during that time its membership increased to about 8,000. But once again church members in Missouri were forced to find refuge in another place. This time, they went to western Illinois and built a city on the banks of the Mississippi River called Nauvoo. They were there until 1845, when they were driven again from their homes, and commenced a long trek west to the Rocky Mountains. When they left Nauvoo, they numbered about 15,000. Today, nearly eleven million people claim membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is one of the fastest growing churches in the world, and its members come from all over the world. It is an international church.

Initially, when people were baptized members of the Church, they were encouraged to migrate to wherever the Church was located in the United States. And they did. They migrated by the hundreds. In their minds, they were leaving Babylon (the world) and going to Zion (where God dwelt among His people). This movement to Zion is what helped the Church grow so phenomenally in the United States. And it continued until the Twentieth Century. Today, by contrast, converts are encouraged to stay where they already live and build Zion there. This shift in point-of-view and emphasis is what has helped make the Church truly an international church. It has also changed the way the Church is managed. For example, temples are proliferating in foreign countries. And church members in foreign countries are led by Area Presidencies who are responsible to the Quorum of Twelve Apostles and First Presidency in Salt Lake City. Area conferences are an attempt to take the experience of a "general conference" of the Church, held in Salt Lake City during April and October of each year, to members in foreign countries.

As the Church grows in numbers, changes in procedure will be necessary. But Gospel principles and the great truths, by which and through which God operates, will never change. They remain constant, because God is constant.

## PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH

Now we shall discuss, briefly, persecution to which members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have been subject through the years. We shall also attempt to answer a related question: Why would God allow His saints to be persecuted so often and severely. Why would He not intervene to protect and shelter them?

The source of persecution against Joseph Smith and church members was, at first, Protestant ministers, and then later, ministers and apostates. Ministers feared the power of Joseph's message, so they went after him personally, but as the Church grew, ministers also organized resistance to it. They commenced their persecution in New York and continued while the Church struggled to survive in Ohio, Missouri and Illinois.

Apostates began to take an active role in persecution as early as 1836. As a matter of fact, apostates initiated persecution against Joseph and the Church in Kirtland, Ohio, western Missouri, and Nauvoo, Illinois. Joseph had to flee Kirtland to save his life, only to be arrested and incarcerated for nine months in Liberty, Missouri. After the Saints left Missouri and settled along the eastern bank of the Mississippi River in Illinois, Joseph was arrested twice. The first time he was exonerated by the court in Nauvoo. The second time, he was incarcerated in Carthage jail and was murdered with his brother, Hyrum, before his case ever got to court.

When we talk about persecution, we're not talking about a little harassment now and then. We're talking about full-fledged physical and emotional torment.

For example, on the evening of March 24, 1832, Joseph was dragged from his bed while waking from a deep asleep, carried outside by several men who said they would kill him if he resisted. They stripped him of all clothing, tarred his body, and then a man fell on him, scratching with his fingernails, saying, after taking the Lord's name, "that's the way the Holy Ghost falls on folks."

Joseph's friends spent the night removing tar from his body. The next morning was the Sabbath, and Joseph preached at a worship service to a congregation of people among whom were the mobbers who had covered him with tar the night before. Joseph was personally acquainted with the mobbers, and wrote that they were "mostly Campbellites, Methodists and Baptists" who continued to "molest and menace" him for a "long time" (*History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 261-265). The motives of the mobbers are better understood when one understands that after preaching at the worship service the day following his ordeal, he baptized three individuals.

Later, from the autumn of 1838 to the spring of 1839, while Joseph and a few close associates were incarcerated in the Liberty, Missouri jail, they were fed food not fit for human consumption. Mrs. Alexander McRae who visited her husband, one of Joseph's imprisoned associates, wrote about some meat the prisoners were served:

One day a piece of roast meat was brought in that looked very dark, as though it had been burned. Brother Hyrum took the carving knife and fork, put the fork into the meat and they fell from his hands. He picked up the tools again and attempted to carve the meat and they fell from his hands again. After the second attempt, the Prophet said, "Do not touch it, for it is human flesh." It was afterwards told that the guards boasted they had cut a piece of flesh from the thigh of an old Negro and had fed it to the Mormons (Barrett, *Joseph Smith and the Restoration*, p. 423).

While Joseph and the Saints were building Nauvoo in western Illinois, Joseph one day took Emma, his wife, on a trip to Dixon, Illinois to visit her relatives. While there, he was arrested by two men, Reynolds and Wilson, who represented the governors of Missouri and Illinois. Joseph wrote that as Wilson approached him, he said,

Ha! By G \_\_\_\_! We've got the Prophet now...They held two cocked pistols to my head, and saluted me with G \_\_\_\_d \_\_\_\_ you! I'll shoot you! I'll shoot you...I asked them what they wanted to shoot me for. They said they would do it, if I made any resistance. "Very well," I replied, "I have no resistance to make." They then dragged me away, and I asked them by what authority they did these things. They said, "By a writ from the governors of Missouri and Illinois." I told them I wanted a writ of habeas corpus. Their reply was, "G \_\_\_\_d \_\_\_\_ you! You shan't have it...I'll shoot you!"

I sent for a lawyer, who came; and Reynolds shut the door in his face...repeating, "G \_\_\_\_d \_\_\_\_ you! I'll shoot you!" I turned to him and opened my bosom, and told him to shoot away. "I have endured so much persecution and oppression that I am sick of life. Why, then, don't you shoot and have done with it, instead of talking so much about it?" This somewhat checked his insolence (Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 2, p. 167).

Shortly after this arrest, the Nauvoo Court exonerated Joseph. This was in July 1843. Less than one year later, Joseph and Hyrum were shot to death in Carthage Jail, and enemies of the Church thought they had triumphed. Surely without Joseph, the Church would fracture and vanish. But that did not happen. My observation through reading history has been: If you



want to destroy a people, don't persecute them. Persecution tends to bring them together and make them stronger. That's what happened to the Jews. And that's what happened to the Mormons.

Following Joseph's death, Brigham Young led the Saints across the Plains to the Great Basin where they established myriads of settlements in the Valleys of the Rocky Mountains. There, they hoped they would be left alone, but even in those remote places, they were not.

In 1857, two thousand U. S. troops under the command of General Albert Sydney Johnston were sent west by President James Buchanan to remove Brigham Young, as territorial governor of Utah, and install in his place a new governor named Alfred Cumming. The Mormons, and eventually a lot of others, wondered why an army was necessary to remove Brigham Young from office. The intricacies and complexities of national politics, which led Buchanan to dispatch the troops, are beyond the scope of this presentation, but to the Mormons, the army meant only that once again they would be driven from their homes. So, they fortified themselves in their valley retreats and prepared to fight in defense of their homes and families. But then, Brigham Young changed strategy and announced that if the army entered the Valley by force, it would find nothing but a charred waste. He said the Saints would move out, leaving a small contingent of men behind to burn buildings, crops and anything else that could be used to sustain life. President Buchanan then agreed to forgive the Mormons of their uprising against the United States if the Mormons would allow the army to come into the Valley peacefully, and support Governor Cumming in office. The so-called Utah War came to an end without serious physical confrontation.

Even today, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints seem to be judged negatively, rather consistently by non-members, while Catholics and members of Protestant churches go unjudged. For example, in 1996 a teenage Mormon boy was nominated for honors as the leader of a national Christian youth organization, but when the fact was discovered and publicized that he was Mormon, his nomination was withdrawn by the claim that because Mormons were not Christians they were not worthy of national recognition in this instance.

Another example involved the BYU football team. In December 1996, BYU was denied the right to play in the Fiesta Bowl because sponsors claimed a Mormon father would come to town with his Word of Wisdom and \$10 in his pocket and would not break either of them. They publicized they would rather have members of the Third World Mafia come than the Mormons, because the Mafia would bring and spend lots of money.

Just recently, within boundaries of the Arizona Tucson Mission, four Mormon church buildings, including a family history center, were vandalized. Records were destroyed, pianos, organs and benches were splintered with an ax, and paint was thrown throughout so that thousands of dollars will be necessary to repair the damage.

So judgment, and persecution based on that judgment, continues right on into our time. Why? I'm sure there are many answers to that question. Certainly, Mormons, like some other religious organizations, are well-organized, unified and committed to distinctive beliefs and practices. Mormons think the situation is simply one in which the forces of right are in combat with the forces of wrong. The whole scenario involves a great battle between good and evil. That is the bottom line.

Now, regardless of how the question, Why are Mormons persecuted? might be answered, what answer can be given to the question: Why would God allow His saints to be persecuted so often and severely? Why would He not intervene to shelter and protect them?

Let's answer that question by discussing weight-lifting. For nearly forty years, I've worked to build and maintain well-conditioned muscles and a healthy body. Much time has been spent in rooms with Nautilus machines, chinning bars and weight lifting equipment. I discovered long ago, that a muscle builds mass and strength only to the degree it is challenged. If one wants to build muscle, one must overcome increased resistance by lifting heavier weights or chinning more times. A muscle really is not challenged until it is exhausted — until it maxes out. And as it builds, the increments of weight lifted or the number of repetitions achieved grows less and fewer until no more weight can be lifted or no more repetitions performed.

There is no easy way to build and maintain muscle strength. It is constant, tedious and very hard, demanding work.

We build spiritual strength the same way. Unless we are challenged spiritually, unless we wrestle arduously with the development of faith and testimony, we do not become spiritually strong. So, God's true disciples must endure the refiner's fire. They must be purged, cleansed and molded by life's treacherous pathways, seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and incredibly demanding experiences. God cannot intervene without doing harm. If He were to intervene, He would deprive the spiritual achiever of the right to achieve, to prove worthy of God's commendation by enduring to the very end--by maxing out, so to speak, like an exhausted muscle.

Did God intervene while evil men mocked and crucified His Son? Has He intervened to save innocent women and children from death during difficult times? In the *Book of Mormon*, there is an experience recorded involving two missionaries named Alma and Amulek. By their preaching they converted many people to come unto Christ. But those who refused to believe, overpowered the believers and burned them to death. Alma and Amulek were forced to witness this awful scene. We read:

And when Amulek saw the pains of the women and children who were consuming in the fire, he also was pained; and he said unto Alma; How can we witness this awful scene? Therefore, let us stretch forth our hands, and exercise the power of God which is in us, and save them from the flames.

But Alma said unto him: The Spirit constraineth me that I must not stretch forth mine hand; for behold the Lord receiveth them up unto himself, in glory; and he doth suffer that they may do this thing unto them, according to the hardness of their hearts, that the judgments which he shall exercise upon them in his wrath may be just; and the blood of the innocent shall stand as a witness against them, yea, and cry mightily against them at the last day (*Alma 14:10-11*).

So God allows persecution that His purposes may be achieved. And we do not enjoy the eternal perspective necessary to judge God, ourselves or our situations in terms of right or wrong. We see life through a keyhole, so to speak. What we don't see and understand, we accept by faith till we are blessed with an eternal perspective, then we shall understand.



## RESPONSE OF THE CHURCH TO PERSECUTION

Now we come to the last topic in this presentation. And that is: How has the Church responded to persecution in this last dispensation of time?

In every instance that I can think of except one, the Latter-day Saints, though they have rattled the saber and declared they will fight for their rights, their property, and families, in the end they have refused to fight. Rather they have retreated before their enemies after negotiations have failed to bring reconciliation. They were driven from western Missouri by a state militia without serious resistance. They made a stand at Crooked River and routed the Missouri force attacking the Mormon settlement of Far West. But subsequently they were forced to flee.

In Illinois, though they had the Nauvoo Legion, a disciplined militia (probably the best in the American frontier), they surrendered their weapons and evacuated Nauvoo without a fight.

On their way across the Plains, they were enlisted by the United States Army to help fight Mexico. Those who enlisted were known as the Mormon Battalion, and they helped win by military conquest territory that would become California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah. Yet, as Brigham Young predicted, the Battalion never fought a battle. The only life they took were charging longhorn cattle near St. David, Arizona.

In Utah when the United States Army assailed them, they prepared to defend themselves, then decided to burn their homes and leave for another place. Until they made that decision, they hassled government supply trains, burning wagons and running off animals, but following Brigham Young's orders, they took no life. Why? Perhaps because of what the Lord had revealed to them through Joseph Smith in Kirtland, Ohio on August 6, 1833. This is found in the *Doctrine and Covenants*, Section 98:14-16, 23-27. The Lord said:

Therefore, be not afraid of your enemies, for I have decreed in my heart, saith the Lord, that I will prove you in all things, whether you will abide in my covenant, even unto death, that you may be found worthy.

For if ye will not abide in my covenant, ye are not worthy of me.

Therefore, renounce war and proclaim peace, and seek diligently to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers, and the hearts of the father's to the children.

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Now, I speak unto you concerning your families--if men will smite you, or your families, once, and ye bear it patiently and revile not against them, neither seek revenge, ye shall be rewarded.

But if ye bear it not patiently, it shall be accounted unto you as being meted out as a just measure unto you.

And again, if your enemy shall smite you the second time, and you revile not against your enemy, and bear it patiently, your reward shall be an hundredfold. And again, if he shall smite you a third time, and ye bear it patiently, your reward shall be doubled unto you four-fold;

And these three testimonies shall stand against your enemy if he repent not, and shall not be blotted out.

Nearly a year after this revelation was received, Joseph received another revelation recorded in Section 105 of the *Doctrine and Covenants*. Verses 38 through 40 read:

And again I say unto you, sue for peace, not only to the people who have smitten you, but also to all people;

And lift up an ensign of peace, and make a proclamation of peace unto the ends of the earth;

And make proposals for peace unto those who have smitten you, according to the voice of the Spirit which is in you, and all things shall work together for your good.

To pursue peace and avoid war was God's message even to ancient Israel. To those war-oriented and conquest-hungry people, He said:

When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it,

And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee (*Deuteronomy 20:10-11*).

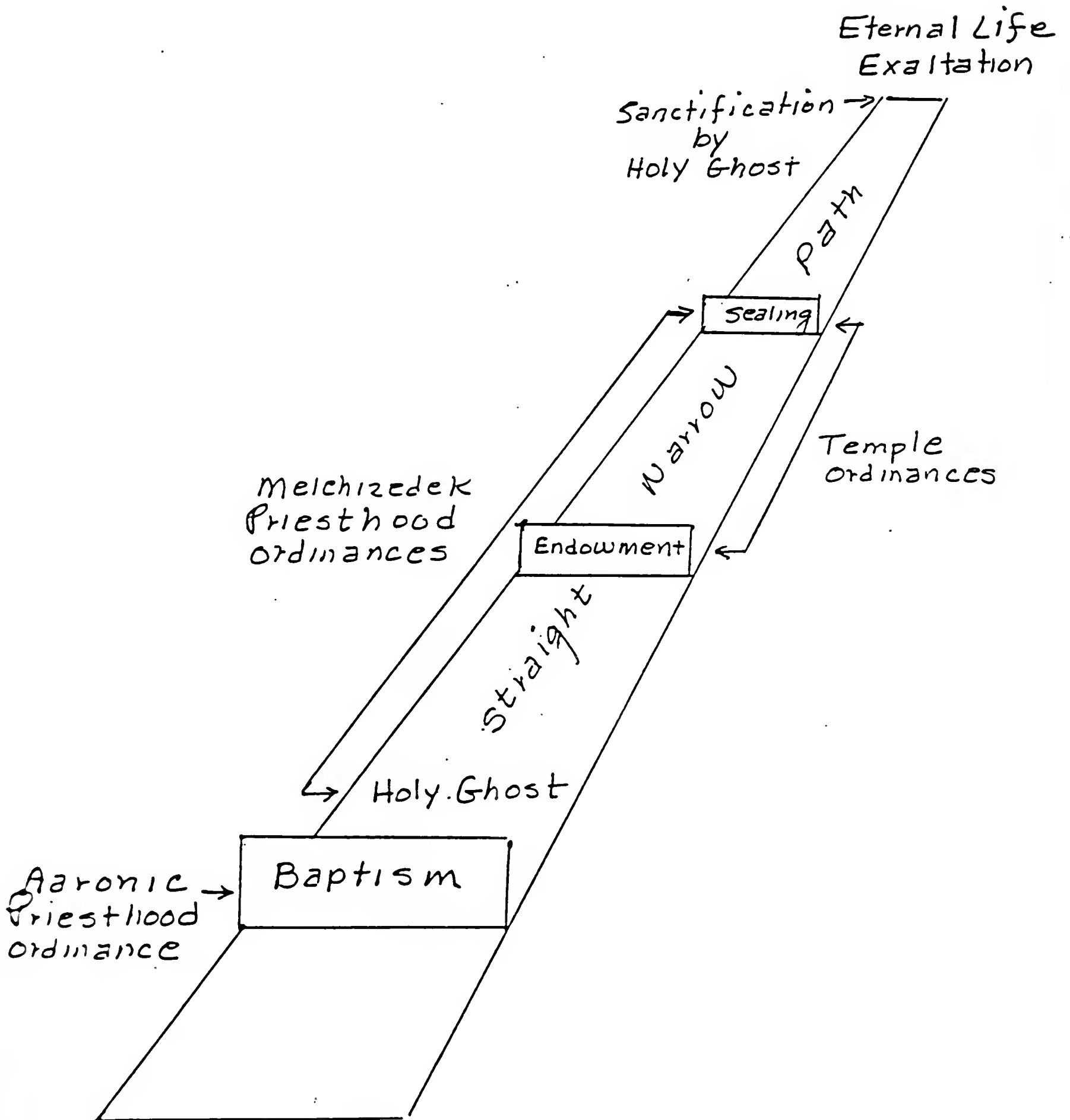
The message in these scriptural passages is in harmony with Gospel teachings. God is the author peace, good will and harmony. He cannot be where bitterness, hate and contention are found. These mark Satan's way. In the *Book of Mormon*, we read:

For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one against another.

Behold, this is not my doctrine, to stir up the hearts of men with anger, one against another; but this is my doctrine, that such things should be done away (*3 Nephi 11:29-30*).

May we follow God's admonition. May we promote peace, strengthen God's church, and promote His cause on Earth.

# PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH



## Mormonism

The principles of Mormonism teach the people not only of heaven and its attendant glories, but how to live so that their social and economic relations with each other are placed on a sound basis.

If the people follow the teachings of this church, nothing can stop their progress — it will be limitless.

There have been great movements started in the past, but they have died or been modified before they reached maturity.

If Mormonism is able to endure, unmodified, until it reaches the third and fourth generation, it is destined to become the greatest power the world has ever known.

— Leo Tolstoy

## The Church

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands unique before the world. It was brought into being by the appearance of God the Eternal Father and the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, to a boy whose mind was not clouded with the doctrines of other churches and with the philosophy of the world. His mind was pure. His outlook was clear. And he could accept the revelations which came to him from the Almighty. So, following that first great vision, about which I hope every one of you has read, there came other manifestations of the power of God — the Book of Mormon, as another witness of the Lord Jesus Christ; the holy priesthood which gives to every worthy man the authority to speak in the name of God. There is nothing upon all the earth to compare with this Church.

— President Gordon B. Hinckley,  
Praia, Santiago, Cape Verde  
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